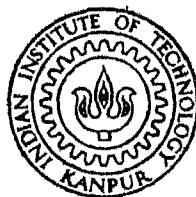


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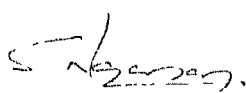
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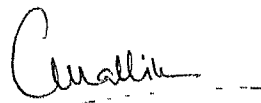
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## NOMENCLATURE

$A, A_1$	- Area of cross-section of base material
$A_2$	- Area of cross-section of viscoelastic layer
$C$	- Mass centre of the cross section with or without damping layer
$C_1$	- Torsional rigidity of the composite cross-section
$C_2$	- Warping rigidity of the composite cross-section
$C_s$	- Saint Venant's torsional constant for original cross-section
$C_w, C_{w1}$	- Warping constants for the elastic layer
$C_{w2}$	- Warping constant for the viscoelastic layer
$c_z$	- Distance between mass centre and shear centre
$D$	- Shift of the composite neutral axis from that of the original beam cross section
$E, E_1$	- Young's modulus of elasticity of base material
$E_2^*$	- Complex modulus of elasticity of viscoelastic material
$E_2$	- Real part of $E_2^*$
$e$	- Distance of shear centre from the centre line of the upper horizontal portion of the cross section
$F_1, F_2$	- Forces on Elastic and Viscoelastic layers
$G_1, G$	- Shear modulus of base material
$G_2^*$	- Complex modulus of rigidity of viscoelastic material

- $h$  - Length of the vertical web of cross section  
 $H_{21}$  - Distance between the neutral axes of two different layers  
 $I_{\eta_1}, I_{\eta_2}$  - Area moments of inertia of the elastic and viscoelastic portions of beam about  $\eta$  axis passing through composite mass centre  
 $I_{\zeta_1}, I_{\zeta_2}$  - Area moments of inertia of the two layers about  $\zeta$  axis  
 $I_{\eta}, I_{\eta_{11}}$  - Area moment of inertia of the base cross-section about its own centroidal  $\eta$  axis  
 $I_{\eta_{22}}$  - Area moment of inertia of the added layer about its own centroidal  $\eta$  axis  
 $I_{c_1}, I_{c_2}$  - Polar moment of inertia of the two layers about longitudinal axis  
 $l$  - Length of the beam  
 $l_1$  - Lower Flange width of the cross section  
 $l_2$  - Length of the upper horizontal portion of the cross section  
 $O$  - Shear centre of the cross section with or without damping layer  
 $t_1$  - Thickness of the elastic cross section  
 $t_2$  - Thickness of the viscoelastic layer  
 $v_c, v_o$  - Deflection of C and O along Y direction  
 $w$  - Displacement along Z direction,  
 $w_d$  - Warping displacement  
 $w_s$  - Warping function

$\bar{w}_s$	- Average warping function
X, Y, Z	- Co-ordinate axes passing through shear centre
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4$	Nondimensional terms in characteristic polynomial equation
$\beta$	- Loss factor of viscoelastic material
$\epsilon$	- Strain in the layers
$\eta$	- Composite loss factor
$\lambda_i$	- Roots of characteristic polynomial equation
$x, y, z$	- Coordinate axes passing through mass centre
$\rho_1, \rho_2$	- Mass density of the elastic and viscoelastic material
$\sigma$	- Normal stresses in the layers
$\psi$	- Rotation of cross-section about X axis
$\gamma$	- Shear strain in layers
$\omega$	- Natural frequency
$\Omega_c^*$	- Complex nondimensional natural frequency in the coupled vibration of composite beam
$\Omega_c$	- Real part of $\Omega_c^*$
$\Omega_n$	- Nondimensional natural frequency in coupled mode of vibration of the original cross-section
$\tau$	- Shear stresses in the layers

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Free vibration characteristics of a thin walled open cross section beam with unconstrained damping layer is studied in the present work. A typical example of a top hat section with viscoelastic layer at the flanges is considered. Transverse vibrations both in and out of the plane (coupled bending and twisting modes) of symmetry are investigated. Results are obtained for natural frequencies and modal loss factors in both these modes of vibration. Beams with simply supported and clamped end conditions are investigated. Extensive parametric investigations are carried out with an efficient algorithm based on two dimension Newton-Raphson technique.

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Introduction

Control of vibration is an important aspect in the design of resonant systems. This is necessary in order to avoid early fatigue failure and malfunctioning of such systems. Vibrations control is also of significance in view of human comfort especially in vehicular systems.

The level of vibration in a system can be reduced in a number of ways. These include, among others, (i) reduction of the excitation, (ii) isolation of the source, (iii) introduction of vibration neutralizers and (iv) detuning and decoupling by proper design. For resonant systems, however, increase in the damping is the most effective way of controlling excessive vibration. Several damping treatments have been devised and practiced towards this end. For example, damping tapes are applied to aircraft structures with a view to increase the fatigue life and reduce the interior cabin noise. Mastic deadners serve the same purpose in automobiles.

The fuselage of an aircraft is subjected to convected random pressure field from the jet noise and turbulent boundary layer. As a result, the fuselage vibrates and in

turn radiates noise into the passenger cabin. Cabin noise in the mid and high frequency regions can be adequately attenuated by skin damping tape or fiberglass insulation. However, these methods are not very effective at low frequencies.

A concept similar to that of the tuned vibration damper has been attempted [1] in the design of the aircraft skin construction to reduce the vibration levels at low frequencies. This concept has been referred to as 'intrinsic tuning'. For a typical skin-stringer combination, the frequency of peak response is very close to the natural frequency of the individual skin bay ( $f_p$ ), clamped along the stringers and simply supported along the frames. If stringer and panel dimensions are such that the natural frequency of the stringer ( $f_s$ ) coincides with  $f_p$ , then the stringer can act as a tuned absorber. To increase the effectiveness of the intrinsically tuned stringer over a broad frequency range, it is highly desirable to introduce additional damping. Additional damping in the stringer can be incorporated by various methods. The most common methods are

- i) to have unconstrained or constrained visco-elastic layers on the stringer flanges,
- ii) to use inherently high damping composites or alloys as the stringer material.

Stringers are thin walled open sections beam type structures. No adequate theory is available for the vibration analysis of such structures with layered damping



treatment. The purpose of the present thesis is to make a theoretical investigation of such problems.

## 1.2 Short Review of Previous Work

Work on layered damping treatments was initiated by Oberst and Lienard [2] . They considered the problem of an unconstrained layer damping treatment. The overall damping capacity of the composite plate was expressed in terms of the loss factor. Kerwin [3] investigated the problem of a constrained visco-elastic layer where loss modulus in shear contributes predominantly towards overall damping. Ross, Kerwin and Ungar [4] derived a general theory for free harmonic wave motions of an infinitely long beam made of three layers. An expression for the overall loss factor as a function of frequency was derived. The theory was valid only for simply supported end conditions in the case of finite beams. Ditaranto [5] presented a general theory for free vibrations of sandwich beams with arbitrary boundary conditions. Complex natural frequencies ( $\omega^*$ ) were obtained in the form  $\omega^{*2} = \omega^2 (1 + i\eta)$  where  $\eta$  is the loss factor. Interestingly, it was found that the modal loss factor bears a relationship with  $\omega^2$  which is independent of end conditions. Moreover, this relationship was found to be the same as that given by the previous work on infinite beam. However, the values of  $\omega^2$  depend on the boundary conditions

and as such the numerical values of  $\eta$  need to be determined separately for each boundary condition.

Mead and Markus [6] considered the forced vibration of a three layer damped sandwich beam with arbitrary boundary conditions. They used the concept of forced damped modes for the response calculation. Markus et al [7] also discussed numerical techniques for determination of modal loss factors and natural frequencies of such structures. The problem of damped sandwich plates with elastic constraints along one pair of edges was investigated by Mead [8]. He also investigated the free vibration of a damped sandwich plate on periodic supports [9].

All these works, mentioned above, consider beams of solid cross section for which the centroid and the shear centre coincide. For such structures the bending and torsional modes are decoupled.

As already mentioned, stringers are beam type structures with open cross sections for which the shear centre and the centroid usually do not coincide. In such cases there will be coupling between the bending and torsional modes of oscillation. Gere and Lin [10] presented an approximate method based on Rayleigh - Ritz formulation for determination of the coupled natural frequencies.

### 1.3 Objective and Scope of the Present Work

The major objective of the present work is to provide a theoretical analysis for the free vibration characteristics of thin walled open section beams with unconstrained viscoelastic layer. As an example, the problem of a top hat section with damping layer on the flanges is considered. The base material is assumed to be nondissipative and the loss factor of the viscoelastic material is assumed to be independent of frequency. Moreover the loss factor is assumed to be the same in the extensional and shear modes of deformation. The exact analysis of the free vibration characteristics of thin walled open sections is presented in Chapter 2. Numerical results of natural frequencies are compared with those obtained by the approximate method of Gere and Lin [10].

The analysis for the uncoupled bending vibration in the plane of symmetry is essentially that of the transverse vibration of beams with solid cross-section [2 to 9]. The natural frequencies and modal loss factors are obtained in close form in terms of geometric and material properties of the beam.

The analysis for the coupled bending and torsional oscillations require, as a first step, the determination of the St. Venant's torsion constant and the warping rigidity of the composite beam. These quantities turn out to be complex quantities due to the presence of the dissipative

layer. The St. Venant torsion constant is determined by extending the membrane analogy of elastic sections to the composite section. The warping rigidity is derived in terms of the average warping function.

The coupled bending and torsional modes are governed by coupled eighth order differential equation. Assuming harmonic motion for the free vibration, the frequencies turn out to be complex. The real part is the natural frequency and the ratio of the imaginary part to the real part gives the modal loss factor.

The standard procedure of determining the frequency results in a frequency determinant with complex elements. The zeroes of this determinant determine the natural frequencies and modal loss factors. The complex arithmetic adds a dimension of difficulty to the determination of roots of the frequency equation. This difficulty is overcome by using a two dimensional Newton - Raphson technique. Numerical results are presented for various geometric and material parameters involved.

## CHAPTER 2

### FREE VIBRATION OF OPEN SECTION THIN WALLED BEAMS

#### 2.1 Formulation of the Problem

Figure 2.1 shows a typical beam cross section considered in this thesis; where  $O$  is the shear centre and  $C$  is the centroid.  $X$  axis is the longitudinal axis through  $O$  forming a right handed coordinate system with  $Y$  and  $Z$  axes. In the following analysis  $v$  and  $w$  represent deflection along  $Y$  and  $Z$  axes respectively.  $\psi$  refers to the rotation of the cross section about  $X$  axis. The coordinate system  $\eta\zeta$  has its origin at  $C$ .

It can be readily seen that

$$\begin{aligned}w_c &= w_o \\v_c &= v_o - c_z \psi\end{aligned}\tag{2.1}$$

where  $c_z$  is the distance of the centroid from the shear centre, the subscripts refer to the points under consideration.

The equation of motion can now be written as [10]

$$E I_\eta \frac{\partial^4 w_o}{\partial x^4} + \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w_o}{\partial t^2} = 0\tag{2.2}$$

$$E I_\zeta \frac{\partial^4 v_o}{\partial x^4} + \rho A \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (v_o - c_z \psi) = 0\tag{2.3}$$

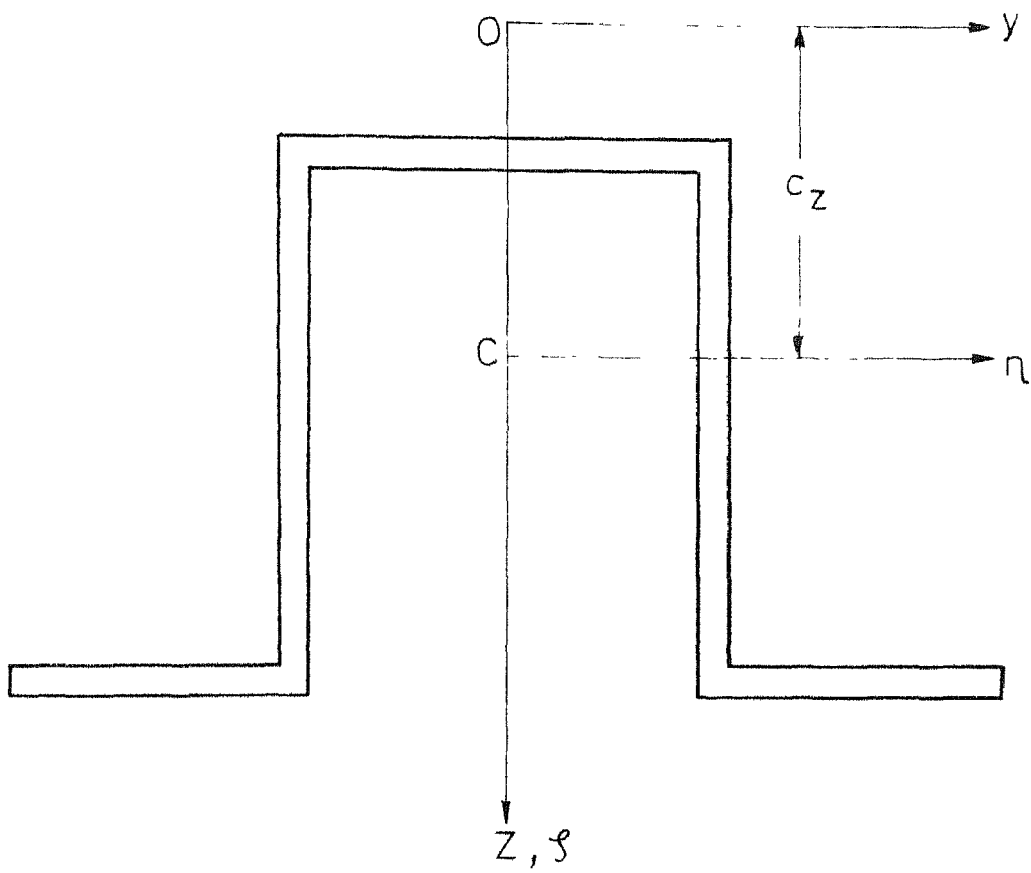


Fig.2.1 Typical beam cross section

$$\begin{aligned}
E C_w \frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial x^4} - G C_s \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \rho A \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (v_o - c_z \psi) c_z \\
+ \rho I_c \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0
\end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

where  $I_\eta$  and  $I_\zeta$  are area moments of inertia of the cross section about  $\eta$  and  $\zeta$  axes respectively.  $A$ ,  $C_s$  and  $C_w$  are area of cross-section, Saint Venant's torsion constant and the warping constant.  $E$  and  $G$  are elastic and shear moduli of beam material.  $I_c$  is the polar moment of inertia of beam cross-section.

Equation (2.2) is the classical Euler's equation for vibration of the beam for which the results are well known.

Assuming harmonic motions for the free vibration

$$v_o = V_o(x) e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\text{and } \psi = \psi_o(x) e^{i\omega t}$$

equations (2.3) and (2.4) can be transformed, using equation (2.1) to

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d^8 V_o}{dx^8} - \frac{G C_s}{E C_w} \frac{d^6 V_o}{dx^6} - \left( \frac{\rho A}{E I_\zeta} + \frac{\rho A c_z^2}{E C_w} + \frac{\rho I_c}{E C_w} \right) \omega^2 \frac{d^4 V_o}{dx^4} \\
+ \left( \frac{G C_s}{E C_w} \times \frac{\rho A}{E I_\zeta} \right) \omega^2 \frac{d^2 V_o}{dx^2} + \left( \frac{\rho I_c}{E C_w} \times \frac{\rho A}{E I_\zeta} \right) \omega^4 V_o = 0
\end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

In terms of nondimensional quantities, equation (2.5) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{d^8 V_0}{d\xi^8} + \alpha_1 \frac{d^6 V_0}{d\xi^6} + \Omega_n^2 \alpha_2 \frac{d^4 V_0}{d\xi^4} + \Omega_n^2 \alpha_3 \frac{d^2 V_0}{d\xi^2} + \Omega_n^4 \alpha_4 V_0 = 0 \quad (2.6)$$

The constants  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$  etc. are given in Appendix A, and  $\Omega_n$  is the nondimensional natural frequency.

Assuming the solution  $V_0(x) = \sum_{s=1}^8 Q_s e^{\lambda_s x}$  for equation (2.6), the following characteristic equation is obtained for  $\lambda$

$$\lambda^8 + \alpha_1 \lambda^6 + \alpha_2 \Omega_n^2 \lambda^4 + \alpha_3 \Omega_n^2 \lambda^2 + \alpha_4 \Omega_n^4 = 0 \quad (2.7)$$

Applying appropriate boundary conditions at the two ends of the beam the frequency determinant (order 8 x 8) in the form

$$\text{Det} [A] = 0 \quad (2.8)$$

is obtained.

The elements of the matrix  $A$  for simply supported and fixed end beams are given in Appendix A. The coupled natural frequencies,  $\Omega_n$  are obtained by using Newton - Raphson method.

## 2.2 Results and Discussion

Table 2.1 shows the first eight natural frequencies for the coupled vibration. The table also includes



the results obtained by the approximate method of Gere and Lin [10], which are found to be in close agreement. Table 2.2 presents the natural frequencies in the vertical (uncoupled) and in the coupled modes, nondimensionalised with respect to the same quantities. It is seen that some of the natural frequencies in the vertical mode are quite close to those in the coupled mode. This suggests the possibility of these modes being excited simultaneously. This behaviour has also been observed experimentally [11].

TABLE 2.1

COUPLED NATURAL FREQUENCIES BY EXACT AND APPROXIMATE  
ANALYSIS

$$l_2 = 2.5400 \text{ cm}$$

$$l_1 = 1.7780 \text{ cm}$$

$$h = 2.9718 \text{ cm}$$

$$t = 0.2032 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{E I \omega_n^2}{\rho A l^4}}$$

$$\Omega_a = \sqrt{\frac{E I \omega_a^2}{\rho A l^4}}$$

where  $\omega_n$  and  $\omega_a$  are the natural frequencies by present analysis and approximate analysis respectively.

MODE	END CONDITIONS		
	Simply Supported Ends		Fixed Ends
	Natural Frequency by Present Analysis $\Omega_n$	Natural Frequency by Approximate Analysis $\Omega_a$ [10]	Natural Frequency by Present Analysis $\Omega_n$
1	5.40	5.40	10.13
2	17.92	20.86	26.81
3	20.85	23.91	46.23
4	38.51	47.59	84.50
5	67.21	74.56	126.98
6	81.60	84.92	174.91
7	104.23	109.67	232.42
8	149.40	154.12	248.54

TABLE 2.2

NATURAL FREQUENCIES IN COUPLED AND VERTICAL MODES  
OF A SIMPLY SUPPORTED BEAM NONDIMENSIONALISED IN  
THE SAME MANNER

$$\begin{aligned} l_2 &= 2.5400 \text{ cm} \\ l_1 &= 1.7780 \text{ cm} \\ h &= 2.9718 \text{ cm} \\ t &= 0.2032 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega_c = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_c}{\frac{E I}{\rho A l^4}}} \quad \Omega_v = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_v}{\frac{E I}{\rho A l^4}}}$$

where  $\Omega_c$  and  $\Omega_v$  are natural  
frequencies in coupled and ver-  
tical modes respectively.

MODE	Frequency in Coupled Mode, $\Omega_c$	Frequency in Vertical Mode, $\Omega_v$
1	8.61	9.88
2	28.60	39.51
3	33.27	88.89
4	61.46	158.04
5	107.26	246.93
6	130.23	355.58
7	166.35	483.99
8	238.44	632.16

## CHAPTER 3

### EFFECT OF UNCONSTRAINED DAMPING LAYER ON GEOMETRIC AND ELASTIC PROPERTIES

#### 3.1 Shear Centre Location

When the damping layer is attached to the flanges of the cross-section as shown in Fig. 3.1 the shear centre of the composite cross-section will be shifted. The new position of the shear centre is determined by the following analysis.

Consider the bending of the section about the Z axis under the application of a shear load V in the Y direction through the shear centre O. AA and BB are two adjacent sections along the length of the beam, distance dx apart.

1 and 2 refer to the base material and the viscoelastic layer respectively. Consider a section CC at a distance y from the neutral axis Z. The unbalanced axial force due to the differential bending moment is equilibrated by the elemental shear force dF given by

$$dF = l_1 \int_{z_0}^{z_0 + t_1} (\sigma_{1B} - \sigma_{1A}) dz + l_1 \int_{z_0 + t_1}^{z_0 + t_1 + t_2} (\sigma_{2B} - \sigma_{2A}) dz \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\sigma$  refers to the bending stresses, with the subscripts indicating the material and section.



The bending moment at a section is resisted by both the base layer and the viscoelastic layer. Assuming the longitudinal strain at a section distant  $y$  from the neutral axis is the same for both, the portions of the bending moment resisted by each can be shown to be

$$M_1 = \frac{M E_1 I_{\zeta_1}}{E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2^* I_{\zeta_2}} \quad (3.2)$$

$$M_2 = \frac{M E_2^* I_{\zeta_2}}{E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2^* I_{\zeta_2}} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $M$  is the applied bending moment and  $I_{\zeta_1}$ ,  $I_{\zeta_2}$ , the area moments of inertia about the neutral axis, and  $E_1$  and  $E_2^*$  are the elastic modulus of the base material and the complex modulus of elasticity of the viscoelastic material.

From Eqns. (3.1) to (3.3) and using engineering bending theory it can be shown that the shear stresses in the two layers are

$$\begin{aligned} (\tau_{xy})_1 &= \frac{V E_1 Q_1}{t_1 (E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2^* I_{\zeta_2})} \\ (\tau_{xy})_2 &= \frac{V E_2^* Q_2}{t_2 (E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2^* I_{\zeta_2})} \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are the static moments about the neutral axis of the areas above the section at which the shear stresses are acting.

Considering the moment balance about a convenient point in the plane of the cross-section of all the shear forces the shear centre can be located. The final expression for the shear centre location is given in Appendix B . It should be noted that the shear centre position in this case is not only a function of the geometrical properties of the section but also depends on the material properties. Because of the complex modulus of the viscoelastic layer the location is given by a complex number.

### 3.2 Torsional Rigidity of the Two Layer Beam

In the case of thin walled open section beams, the applied torque is resisted by two different types of deformation. The first part corresponds to the torque balanced by shearing stresses due to pure torsion (St. Venant's torsion). The other part is the torque resisted by the warping stresses.

The St. Venant's torsional rigidity corresponding to the torque resisted due to pure torsion for the composite section is derived by an extension of the membrane analogy method.

Consider the equivalent membrane problem, namely that of the deflection of the membrane made of two materials of equivalent size (Fig. 3.2a) subjected to internal pressure. The membrane which is initially in the form of  $\emptyset = 0$  will deform in the shape  $\emptyset = \emptyset(z, y)$  as shown in Fig. 3.2 b.

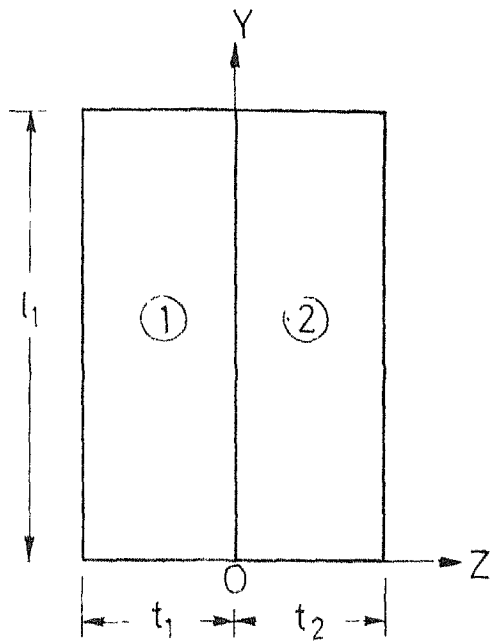


Fig. 3.2a Equivalent membrane

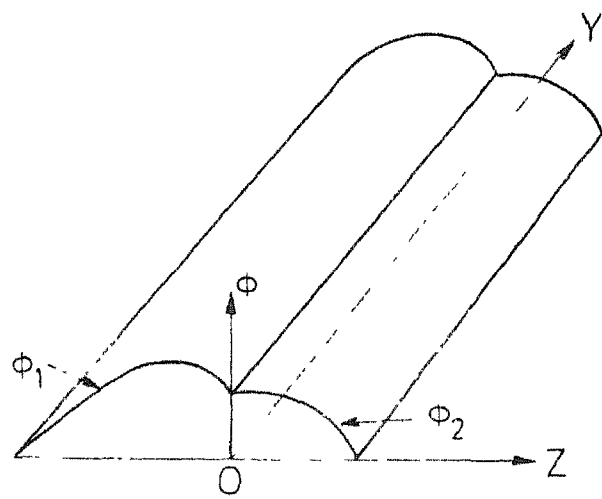


Fig. 3.2c Approximate shape of deflected membrane

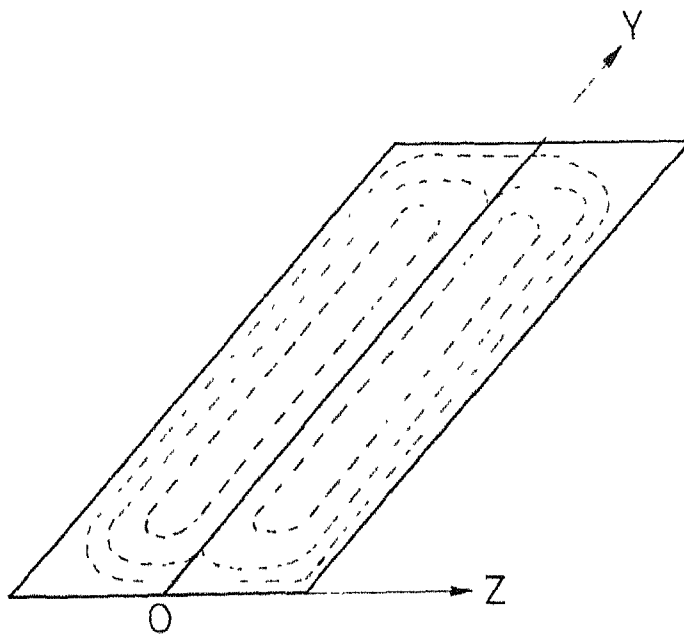


Fig. 3.2b Actual shape of deflected membrane



If  $l_1 \gg t_1$  and  $l_1 \gg t_2$ , the cross section of the membrane can be considered as independent of  $y$  except near the end as shown in Fig. 3.2c.  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are the deflected surfaces of the membrane of material 1 and 2 respectively which also correspond to the Saint Venant's stress functions.

Let  $\Theta_0$  be the uniform twist along the length, then using the membrane analogy  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are governed by the following equation,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial z^2} &= -2 G_1 \Theta_0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2}{\partial z^2} &= -2 G_2^* \Theta_0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

where  $G_1$  and  $G_2^*$  are respective shear moduli.

The shear stresses can be determined from the stress functions using the relations

$$(\tau_{xy})_1 = - \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \quad \text{and} \quad (\tau_{xy})_2 = - \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} \quad (3.6)$$

$\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  can be found by integrating Eq. (3.5) and applying the following boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1(0) &= \phi_2(0) \\ \phi_1(-t_1) &= \phi_2(t_2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

At  $z = 0$ ,  $(\gamma_{xy})_1 = (\gamma_{xy})_2$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{1}{G_1} \left. \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0} = \frac{1}{G_2^*} \left. \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0} \quad (3.7)$$

where  $\gamma_{xy}$  represents the shear strain.

The final forms of  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  turn out to be

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1 &= -G_1 \theta_0 (z^2 - t_1^2) + \mu G_1 \theta_0 (z + t_1) \\ \phi_2 &= -G_2^* \theta_0 (z^2 - t_2^2) + \mu G_2^* \theta_0 (z - t_2)\end{aligned}\tag{3.8}$$

$$\text{where } \mu = \frac{G_2^* t_2^2 - G_1 t_1^2}{G_2^* t_2 + G_1 t_1}$$

The torque resisted by the shear stresses in the flanges induced by pure torsion is given by

$$\begin{aligned}T_f &= 2 \iint \phi \, dz \, dy \\ &= 2 \int_{A_{1f}} \phi_1 \, dA_1 + 2 \int_{A_2} \phi_2 \, dA_2\end{aligned}\tag{3.9}$$

where  $A_{1f}$  and  $A_2$  are the areas of cross-section of the flanges for material 1 and 2 respectively. The torsional rigidity of the entire composite beam including the torque resisted by the rest of the cross-section is given in Appendix B .

### 3.3 Warping Rigidity of the Two Layer Beam

The warping stress generated due to fibers non-uniform torsion, induce shearing stresses which results in a resistive torque.

The warping displacement  $w_d$  can be written as [17]

$$w_d = (\bar{w}_s - w_s) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}\tag{3.10}$$

where  $\bar{w}_s$  = Average warping function,  
 $w_s$  = Warping function,  
 $\psi$  = Rotation of cross-section.

Since  $\psi$  varies along the length of the beam, adjacent cross sections will not be warped equally and there will be axial strain  $\epsilon_x$  in the longitudinal fibres of the beam, given by

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\partial w_d}{\partial x} = (\bar{w}_s - w_s) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \quad (3.11)$$

Assuming no slipping at the interface, the axial strain should be the same in both elastic and visco-elastic parts. But the warping stresses produced due to the axial strain are different due to different elastic moduli of the two materials.

Assuming there is no lateral pressure between the longitudinal fibres, one can write

$$\sigma_{x_1} = E_1 (\bar{w}_s - w_s) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \quad (3.12)$$

and  $\sigma_{x_2} = E_2^* (\bar{w}_s - w_s) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2}$

where  $\sigma_{x_1}$  and  $\sigma_{x_2}$  are the warping stresses in the two different layers of elastic moduli  $E_1$  and  $E_2^*$ .

Figure 3.3a shows an element cut out from the flange of the elastic portion of the beam shown in Fig. 3.3b. Along the middle line, the stresses vary with distance  $s$  measured from the edge of the section and can be calculated

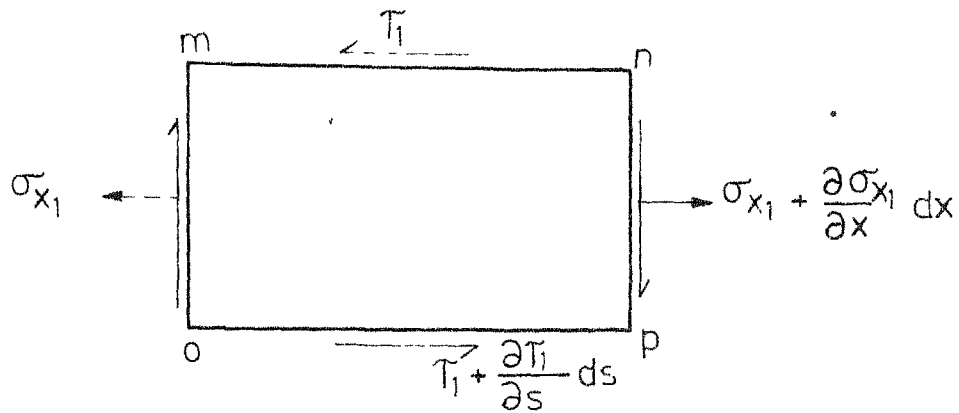


Fig. 3.3 a

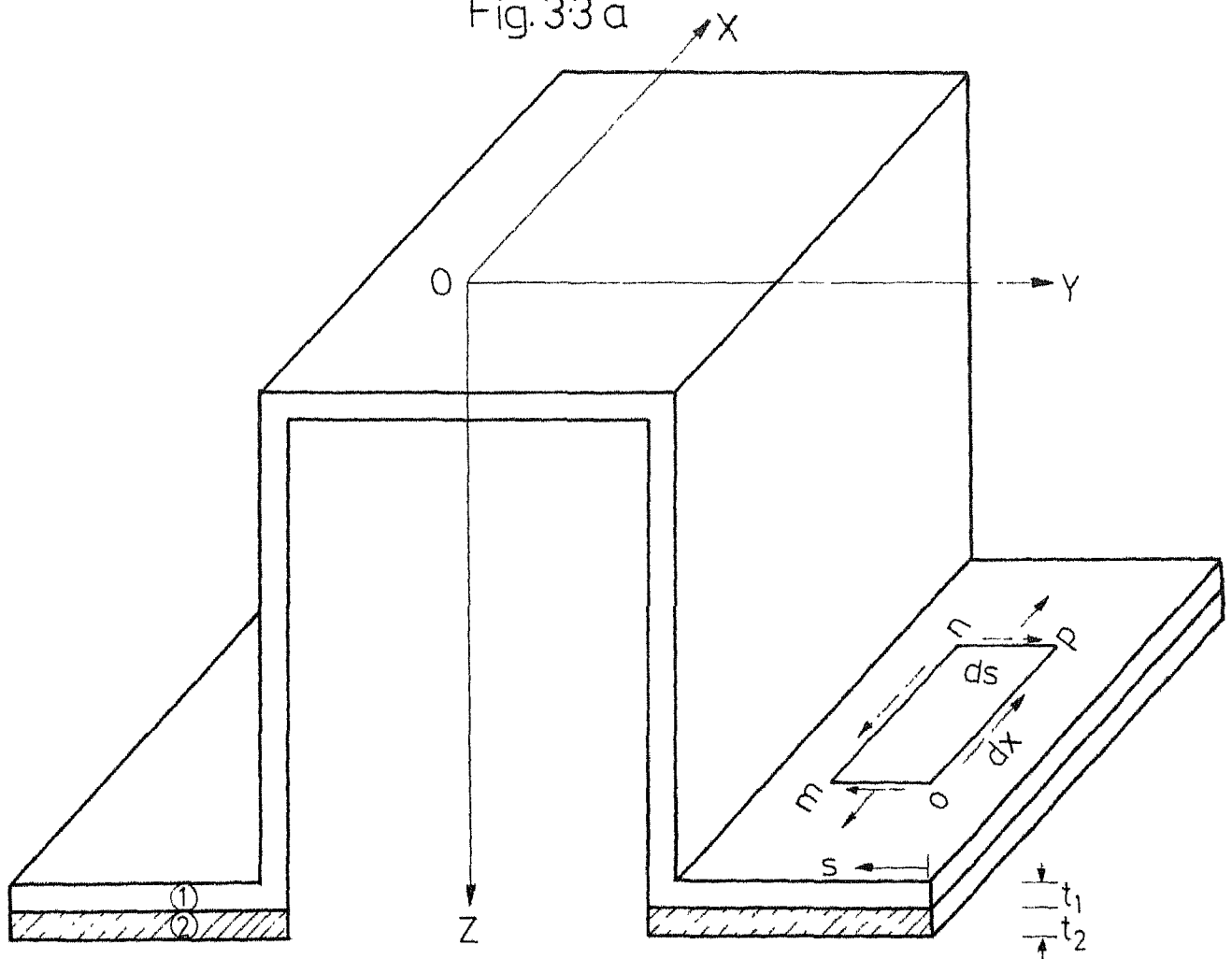


Fig. 3.3 b

Fig.3.3 Stresses on an element on the flange of the base material

from an equation of static equilibrium of the element  
m n o p. Projecting all forces on to the x - axis, one can  
write,

$$\frac{\partial (\tau_1 t_1)}{\partial s} ds dx + t_1 \frac{\partial \sigma_{x_1}}{\partial x} ds dx = 0 \quad (3.13)$$

Integrating with respect to s and observing that  
 $\psi$  is independent of s and that  $\tau_1$  vanishes for  $s = 0$ ,  
the expression for  $\tau_1$  can be written by using equation (3.12)

$$\tau_1 t_1 = -E_1 \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x^3} \int_0^s (\bar{w}_s - w_s) t_1 ds \quad (3.14)$$

The resistive torque is obtained by summation along  
the middle line of the section of the moments of the elemental  
shear force about the shear centre. Therefore, the expression  
for the warping rigidity  $M_1$  for the elastic portion of the  
beam can be written, using equation (3.14)

$$M_1 = -E_1 \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x^3} \int_0^m \left\{ \int_0^s (\bar{w}_s - w_s) t_1 ds \right\} r ds \quad (3.15)$$

where m is the perimeter of cross-section and r is  
the perpendicular moment arm about the shear centre.

Integrating the last part of the integral of  
equation (3.15) by parts and using  $\int_0^m (\bar{w}_s - w_s) t_1 ds = 0$ ,  
equation (3.15) can be written as

$$M_1 = -E_1 \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x^3} \int_0^m (\bar{w}_s - w_s)^2 t_1 ds$$

$$M_1 = -E_1 C_{w_1} \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x^3} \quad (3.16)$$

where  $C_{w_1}$  is the warping constant for the elastic portion of the beam as given in Appendix B.

Similarly, one can proceed to find the expression for  $M_2$ , the warping rigidity for the visco-elastic part, as

$$M_2 = - E_2^* C_{w_2} \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x^3} \quad (3.17)$$

where  $C_{w_2}$  is the warping constant for visco-elastic portion of the beam and is given in Appendix B.

Table 3.1 presents some calculated values of the quantities discussed in the Chapter for a Typical Cross-Section.

TABLE 3.1

SHEAR CENTRE LOCATION, TORSIONAL RIGIDITY AND  
WARPING RIGIDITY WITH VISCOELASTIC LAYER

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{E_2}{E_1} &= 0.001, & \beta &= 1.0 & l_1 &= 3.0 \text{ cm}, & l_2 &= 2.60 \text{ cm}, \\ h &= 3.50 \text{ cm}, & t_1 &= 0.20 \text{ cm}, \\ E_1 &= 70 \times 10^4 \text{ Kgf/cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

$\frac{t_2}{t_1}$	Shear Centre Location (e)		Torsional Rigidity $C_1$		Warping Rigidity $C_2$	
	Real Part cm	Imag. Part cm	Real Part $10^{-5}$ Kgf - cm <sup>2</sup>	Imag. Part $10^{-2}$ Kgf - cm <sup>2</sup>	Real Part $10^{-7}$ Kgf - cm <sup>4</sup>	Imag. Part $10^{-4}$ Kgf - cm <sup>4</sup>
0.50	0.71677	-0.00076	0.10165	0.10443	0.70857	0.17797
1.0	0.71599	-0.00154	0.10193	0.38755	0.70876	0.36402
1.50	0.71520	-0.00233	0.10249	0.93828	0.70896	0.55827
2.0	0.71440	-0.00313	0.10340	1.8453	0.70916	0.76085

## CHAPTER 4

### FREE VIBRATION OF OPEN SECTION THIN WALLED BEAM WITH UNCONSTRAINED DAMPING TREATMENT AT THE FLANGES

#### 4.1 Free Vibration in the Plane of Symmetry

##### 4.1.1 Equation of Motion

Figure 4.1 shows the beam cross section with a visco-elastic layer on the flanges  $\eta_1 - \eta_1$  is the neutral axis of the untreated beam section,  $\eta_2 - \eta_2$  is that of the visco-elastic layer and  $\eta - \eta$  is the composite neutral axis.

For displacement in Z direction the strain at  $\eta_1 - \eta_1$  and  $\eta_2 - \eta_2$  can be expressed as [5]

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_1 &= -D \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \\ \epsilon_2 &= H_{20} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}\end{aligned}\tag{4.1}$$

where x is measured along the length of the beam and other quantities are explained in Figure 4.1.

The net extensional force on each layer can be obtained from the strains at their respective neutral axes as

$$\begin{aligned}F_1 &= -E_1 A_1 D \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \\ \text{and} \\ F_2 &= E_2^* A_2 H_{20} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}\end{aligned}\tag{4.2}$$



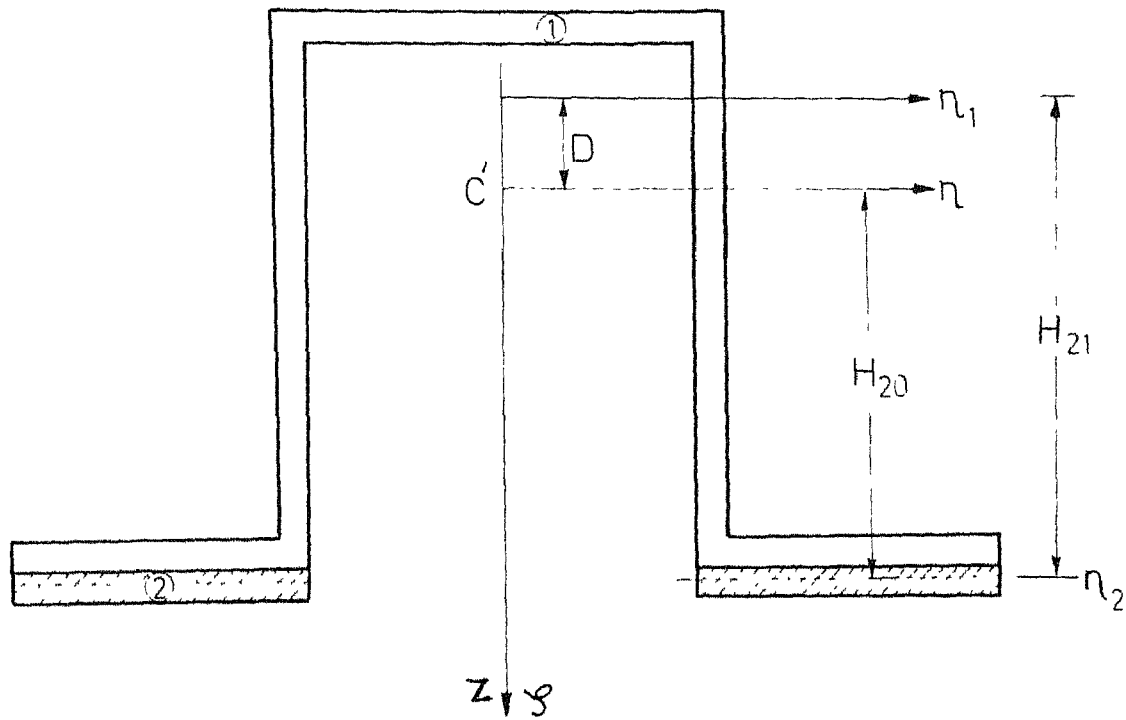


Fig. 4.1 Top hat section with damping layer on the flanges

As the total extensional force on the composite section is zero, one gets

$$F_1 + F_2 = (E_2^* A_2 H_{20} - E_1 A_1 D) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

or

$$E_2^* A_2 (H_{21} - D) = E_1 A_1 D$$

Thus the shift of the composite neutral axis from that of the original beam cross section,  $D$ , is given by

$$D = \frac{E_2^* A_2 H_{21}}{E_2^* A_2 + E_1 A_1} = D_R + i D_I \text{ (say) } \dots \quad (4.3)$$

with  $E_2^* = E_2 (1 + i \beta)$ , where  $\beta$  is the loss factor of the visco-elastic material, one gets

$$D_R = \frac{E_2 A_2 H_{21} (E_1 A_1 + E_2 A_2) + \beta^2 H_{21} E_2^2 A_2^2}{(E_1 A_1 + E_2 A_2)^2 + \beta^2 E_2^2 A_2^2} \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$D_I = \frac{\beta H_{21} E_1 A_1 E_2 A_2}{(E_1 A_1 + E_2 A_2)^2 + \beta^2 E_2^2 A_2^2} \quad (4.5)$$

The equation of motion can be derived by using the relation

$$\frac{\partial^2 M}{\partial x^2} = - (\rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} \quad (4.6)$$

The expression for the bending moment  $M$  can be written as

$$M = M_{11} + F_1 (-D) + M_{22} + F_2 H_{20}$$

$$\text{where } M_{11} = E_1 I_{\eta_{11}} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\text{and } M_{22} = E_2^* I_{\eta_{22}} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \quad (4.7)$$

with  $I_{\eta_{11}}$  and  $I_{\eta_{22}}$  as the second moments area of the layers about their own neutral planes. Using equations (4.2), (4.6) and (4.7) the final equation of motions is obtained as

$$B (1 + i \nu) \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} = - \rho A \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} \quad (4.8)$$

$$\text{where } \rho A = \rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2$$

$$B = E_1 \{ I_{\eta_{11}} + A_1 (D_R^2 - D_I^2) \} + E_2 \{ I_{\eta_{22}} +$$

$$A_2 (H_{21}^2 + D_R^2 - D_I^2 - 2 D_R H_{21} - 2 \beta D_I (D_R - H_{21})) \}$$

$$(4.9)$$

and

$$\nu B = 2 A_1 E_1 D_R D_I + 2 A_2 E_2 D_I (D_R - H_{21}) +$$

$$\beta E_2 \{ I_{\eta_{22}} + A_2 (H_{21}^2 + D_R^2 - D_I^2 - 2 D_R H_{21}) \}$$

$$(4.10)$$

Now, equation (4.8) is simply that of a hysterically damped beam. So natural frequencies and loss factors at different modes for various boundary conditions can simply be written as follows:

For simply supported ends

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{n^4 \pi^4}{l^4} \frac{B}{\rho A}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (4.11)$$

and  $\eta = \nu$

For clamped clamped ends

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})^4 \pi^4}{l^4} \frac{B}{\rho A} \quad (4.12)$$

and  $\eta = \nu$

If  $E_2 \ll E_1$ , as is usually the case,  $B$  and  $\nu$  can be approximated from Eqs. (4.9) and (4.10) as

$$B \approx E_1 I_{n_{11}} + E_2 (I_{n_{22}} + A_2 H_{21}^2) \quad (4.13)$$

$$\text{and } \eta = \nu \approx \beta \frac{E_2}{E_1} \frac{I_{n_{22}} + A_2 H_{21}^2}{I_{n_{11}} + E_2/E_1 \{ (I_{n_{22}} + A_2 H_{21}^2) \}} \quad (4.14)$$

#### 4.1.2 Numerical Results and Discussion

It can easily be seen from Eq. (4.11) and (4.12) that the loss factor in this mode of vibration in the plane of symmetry, is independent of both the end conditions and the mode number.

Figures 4.2 and 4.3 show typical values of the loss factor for various values of  $t_2/t_1$ ,  $E_2/E_1$  and the loss factor of visco-elastic material  $\beta$ . The following dimensions are used for the cross section of the elastic

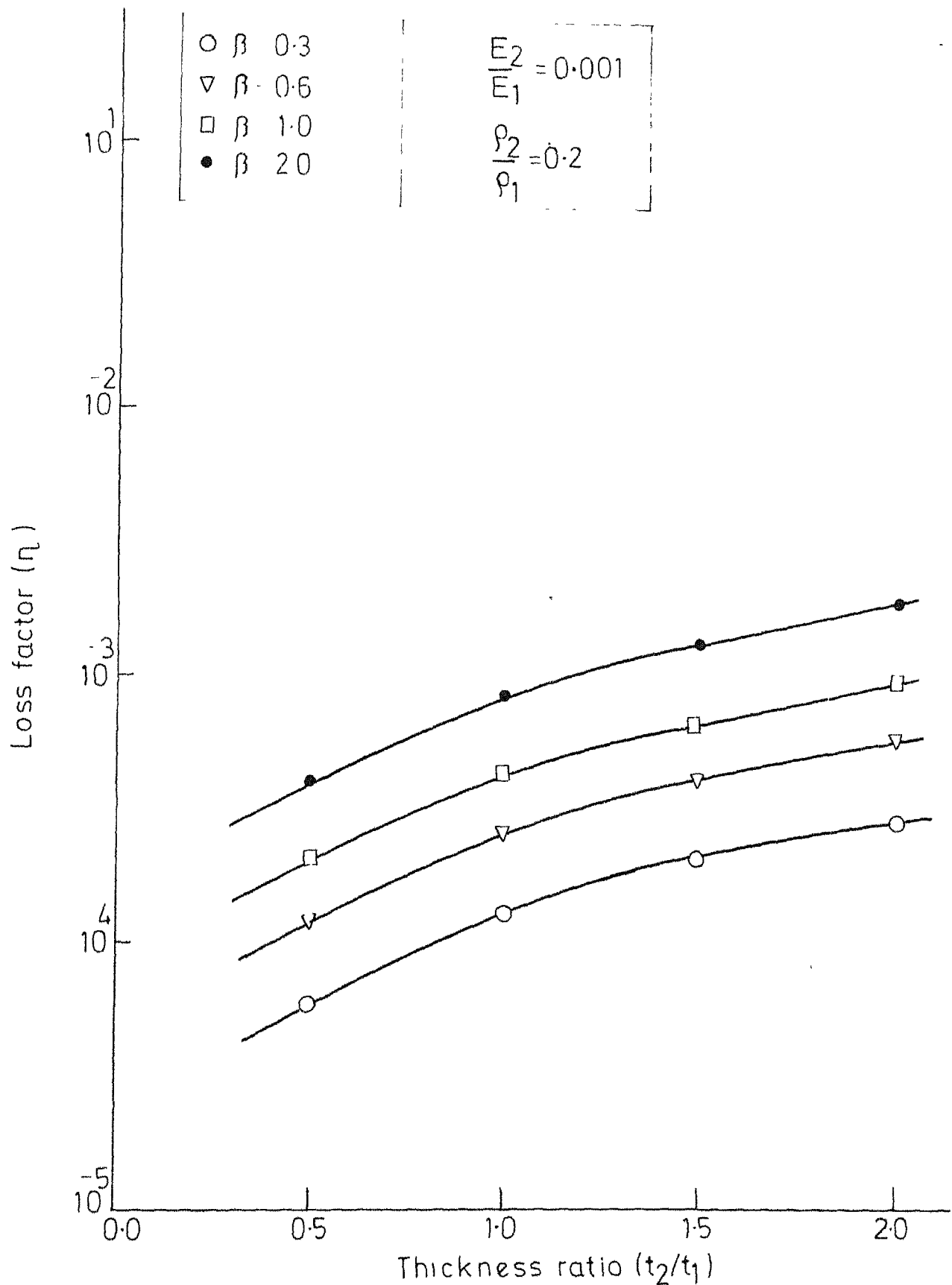


Fig.4.2 Variation of loss factor with thickness ratio in vertical mode of vibration

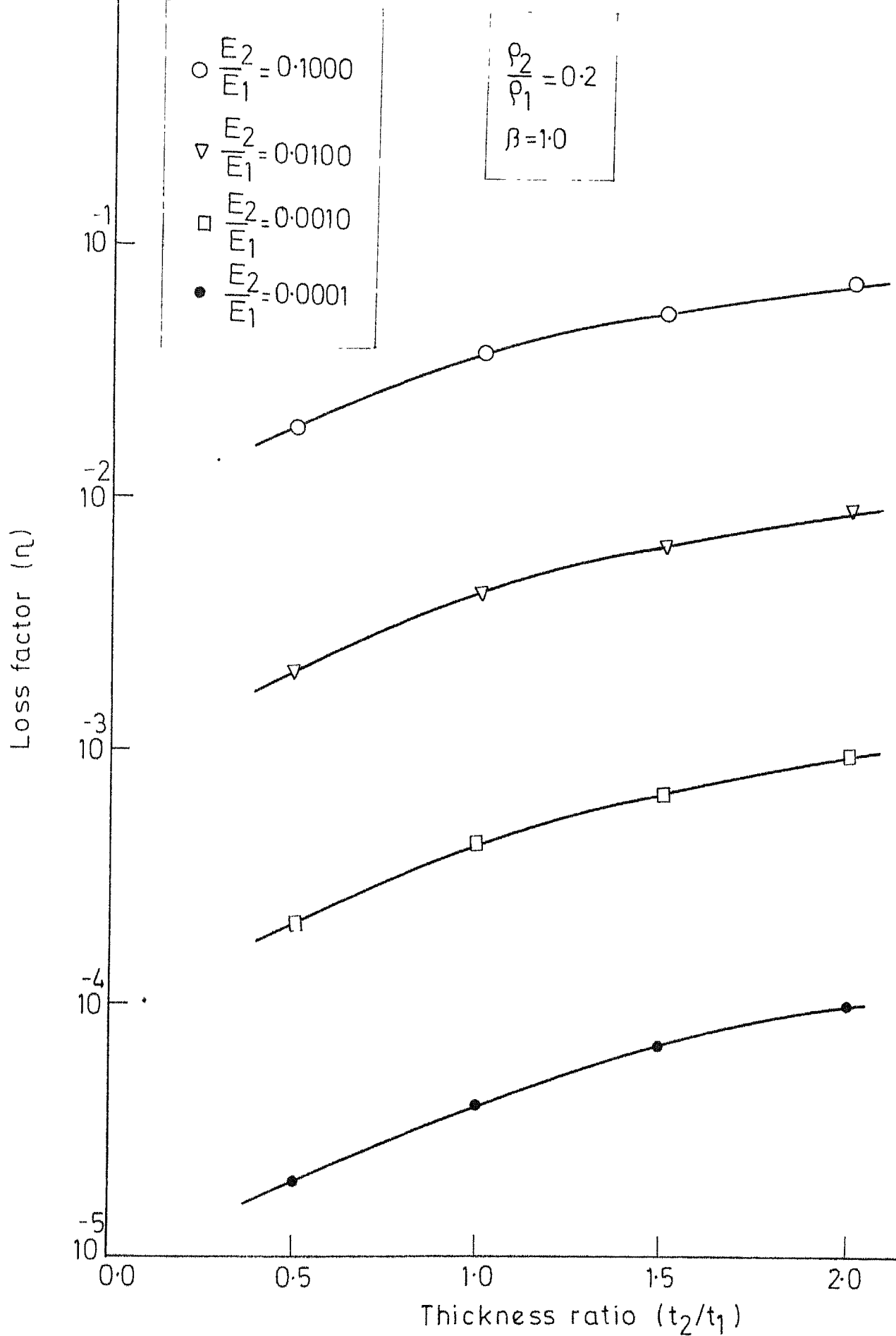


Fig.43 Variation of loss factor with thickness ratio in vertical mode of vibration

layer,  $l_1 = 2.00$  cm,  $l_2 = 2.60$  cm,  $h = 3.5$  cm and  $t_1 = 0.20$  cm. As expected from the approximate expression (4.14), the composite loss factor  $\eta$  is seen to be almost proportional to  $E_2/E_1$  and also proportional to  $\beta$ . The nature of variation of  $\eta$  with  $t_2/t_1$  is also as predicted by Eq. (4.14).

## 4.2 Free Vibration in Coupled Bending Torsion Mode

### 4.2.1 Equation of Motion

Consider the top hat section with the damping layer in its flanges as shown in Figure 4.4.  $O$  and  $C$  respectively are the shear centre and the mass centre of composite section. Let  $v_c$  and  $v_o$  denote the displacements of  $C$  and  $O$  along the  $Y$  axis respectively. It is obvious that

$$v_c = v_o - c_z \psi \quad \dots \quad (4.15)$$

where  $c_z$  is the distance of the mass centre from the shear centre. Considering the equilibrium of elastic and inertia forces in  $Y$  direction in one hand and the moment equilibrium about a longitudinal axis through the shear centre on the other, the following equations of motion are obtained.

$$(E_1 I_{x_1} + E_2^* I_{x_2}) \frac{\partial^4 v_o}{\partial x^4} + (\rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2) \frac{\partial^2 v_c}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad (4.16)$$

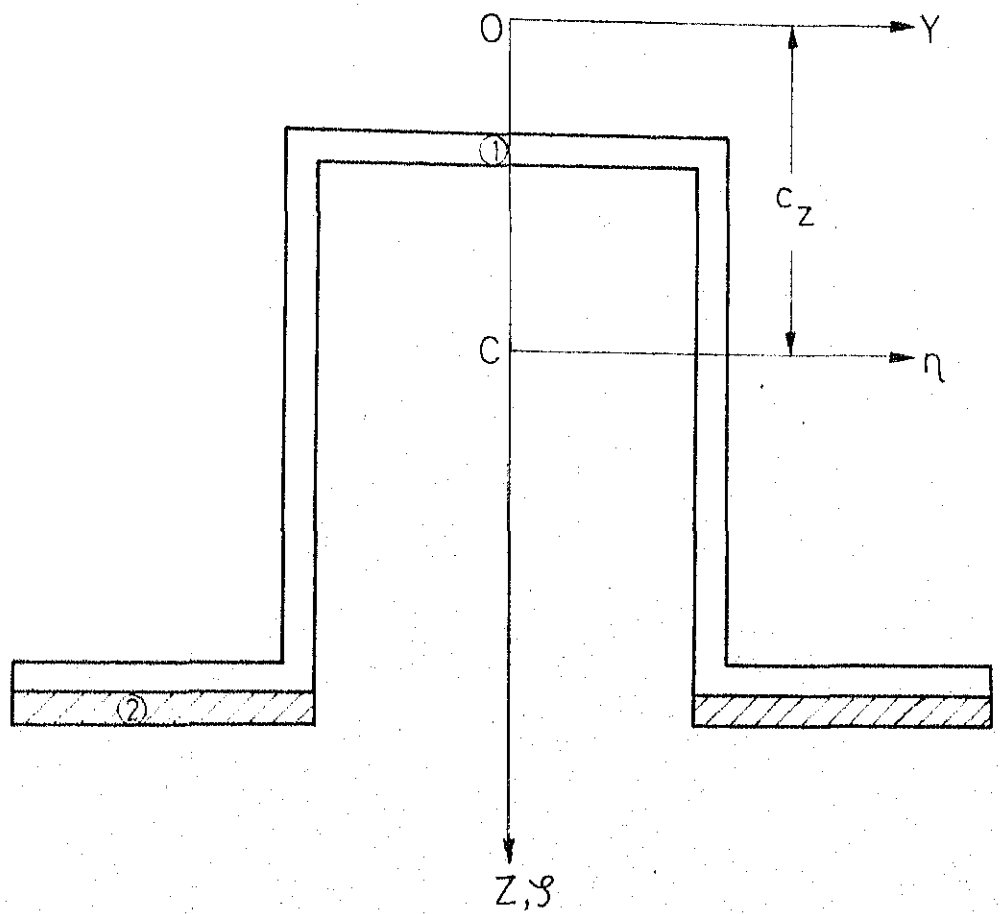


Fig.4.4 Cross section of composite beam



$$C_2 \frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial x^4} - C_1 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - (\rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2) \frac{\partial^2 v_c}{\partial t^2} c_z + (\rho_1 I_{c_1} + \rho_2 I_{c_2}) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad (4.17)$$

where  $E_1$  and  $E_2^*$  are Young's modulus of elasticity,  $I_{\xi_1}$  and  $I_{\xi_2}$  are area moments of inertia about  $\xi$  axis,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are areas of cross-section,  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are mass densities,  $I_{c_1}$  and  $I_{c_2}$  are polar moments of inertia about a longitudinal axis. Subscripts 1, and 2 refer to the base material and viscoelastic layer.  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  are the complex torsional rigidity and warping rigidity respectively of the composite cross section as derived in Chapter 3.

Assuming harmonic solution of the form

$$v_o = v_o(x) e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\psi = \psi_o(x) e^{i\omega t}$$

and using the relation (4.15) for eliminating  $\psi$ , the equation of motion can be transformed into the eighth order ordinary differential equation in nondimensional form as

$$\frac{d^8 v_o}{d\xi^8} + \alpha_1 \frac{d^6 v_o}{d\xi^6} + \Omega_c^2 \alpha_2 \frac{d^4 v_o}{d\xi^4} + \Omega_c^2 \alpha_3 \frac{d^2 v_o}{d\xi^2} + \Omega_c^4 \alpha_4 v_o = 0 \quad (4.18)$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4$  and  $\Omega_c^2$  are given in Appendix C. The final form of equation (4.18) is exactly similar to

the equation (2.6) for the beam without the layer. But

$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4$  and  $\Omega_c^2$  are complex quantities in this case due to the presence of viscoelastic layer. In order to avoid confusion, let these complex natural frequencies be denoted as  $\Omega_c^{*2} = \Omega_c^2 (1 + i\eta)$  <sup>where</sup> /the real part  $\Omega_c^2$  is referred to as the natural frequency and  $\eta$  is the modal loss factor.

#### 4.2.2 Frequency and Loss Factor Determination

Assuming a solution of the form

$$V_0(x) = \sum_{s=1}^8 Q_s e^{\lambda_s x}$$

and substituting into the differential equation the following characteristic polynomial equation for  $\lambda$  is obtained

$$\lambda^8 + \alpha_1 \lambda^6 + \alpha_2 \Omega_c^{*2} \lambda^4 + \alpha_3 \Omega_c^{*2} \lambda^2 + \alpha_4 \Omega_c^{*4} = 0 \quad (4.19)$$

Applying appropriate boundary conditions at the two ends of the beam the frequency equation is obtained in the form of

$$\text{Det } [A] = 0 \quad (4.20)$$

where the elements of **matrix**  $A$  are given in Appendix C.

The solution of the determinantal equation in this case is much **more** complicated as compared to that without the viscoelastic layer. This is so because of

the cumbersome complex arithmetic involved and the inherent numerical problems associated with it. This difficulty is overcome by splitting the determinant into its real and imaginary parts and setting these separately equal to zero. The real and imaginary parts of the determinant are considered as function of two variables  $\Omega_R^2$ ,  $\eta \Omega_R^2$  namely the real and imaginary parts of the complex natural frequency squared. The zeros of the functions are obtained by employing a two dimensional Newton - Raphson procedure. The iterations in the Newton - Raphson procedure proceeds according to the following sequence.

Let

$$A_R(x, y) = 0 \quad (4.21)$$

$$A_I(x, y) = 0 \quad (4.22)$$

$$\text{where } x = \Omega_R^2 \text{ and } y = \Omega_R^2 \eta$$

$A_R$  and  $A_I$  are the real and imaginary parts of determinantal equation. Then, the iterations for the roots of Equations (4.21) and (4.22) are

$$(x)_{j+1} = (x)_j + \left( \frac{A_I A_{R_y} - A_R A_{I_y}}{A_{R_x} A_{I_y} - A_{R_y} A_{I_x}} \right)_j$$

$$\text{and } (y)_{j+1} = (y)_j + \left( \frac{A_R A_{I_x} - A_I A_{R_x}}{A_{R_x} A_{I_y} - A_{R_y} A_{I_x}} \right)_j$$

where suffixes  $x$  and  $y$  indicate partial differentiation with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  respectively (for example

$$\Lambda_{R_x} = \frac{\partial \Lambda_R}{\partial x}, \quad \Lambda_{R_y} = \frac{\partial \Lambda_R}{\partial y} \text{ and so on). The subscript } j$$

indicates that the concerned functions are evaluated at the point  $(x, y)_j$ . The required partial derivatives in the iterations are computed by a central difference scheme. Starting from the lower end of frequency scale the iterations are continued to obtain the natural frequencies of various orders successively. The convergence criterion for each natural frequency and loss factor are specified in terms of the percentage change in the values in consecutive iteration and the absolute value of the determinant.

The above scheme converged in most of the cases within six or seven iterations. The initial starting point for the variables did not present any problem in almost all the cases. However the determinant values vary over a wide range, with frequency. This presented some numerical problems of dealing with very large numbers. This problem is alleviated by suitably scaling the determinant value at the beginning of the iteration scheme for the determination of a particular modal frequency.

#### 4.2.3 Numerical Results and Discussion

Numerical results are obtained, using the analysis presented in 4.2.2, for the following dimensions and properties of the elastic layer:

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 &= 2.00 \text{ cm}, & l_2 &= 2.60 \text{ cm}, & t_1 &= 0.20 \text{ cm and} \\ h &= 3.50 \text{ cm}, & \rho_1 &= 2.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Kgf - sec}^2/\text{cm}^4, \\ E_1 &= 70 \times 10^4 \text{ Kgf/cm}^2, & G_1 &= 28 \times 10^4 \text{ Kgf/cm}^2, \\ l &= 62.00 \text{ cm.} \end{aligned}$$

Table 4.1 presents the first eight natural frequencies and modal loss factors for a set of typical values of the parameters involved. It is seen, unlike in the case of vibration in the plane of symmetry, that the loss factor depends on the end conditions as well as modal number. This is due to the shearing of the viscoelastic layer caused by the coupling of bending and twisting modes. This fact has also been observed in the case of beams with solid cross-sections having constrained damping layer.

For both types of end conditions the loss factor in the first mode is seen to be considerably higher than those **at** higher modes. No definite trend in the variation of loss factor is observed with the modal numbers. At this stage, no attempt has been made to have physical justification for this behaviour. The mode shapes are very complicated to visualize any pattern of deformation for the damping layer. Hence it is suggested to calculate individually the loss factor in the required mode.

Figures 4.5 and 4.6 show the variation of loss factor with thickness ratio ( $\frac{t_2}{t_1}$ ) for typical ratios of  $\frac{E_2}{E_1}$  and  $\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}$  and  $\beta$  for simply supported and clamped ends. It is seen that in the case of coupled modes also the nature of variation with  $\frac{t_2}{t_1}$  is very similar to that observed in the vertical mode (shown in Fig. 4.2). The modal loss factor also appears to vary linearly with  $\beta$ , the loss factor of the viscoelastic material. As already observed in Table 4.1, the loss factor in the first mode always

TABLE 4.1

NATURAL FREQUENCIES AND MODAL LOSS FACTORS IN  
COUPLED VIBRATION

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = 1.50, \quad \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = 0.20 \quad l_1 = 2.00 \text{ cm}, \quad l_2 = 2.60 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{E_2}{E_1} = 0.001, \quad \beta = 1.00 \quad t_1 = 0.20 \text{ cm}, \quad h = 3.50 \text{ cm}$$

The nondimensional coupled natural frequency

$$\Omega_c^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{\frac{E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2 I_{\zeta_2}}{(\rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2) l^4}} \quad \text{where } \omega \text{ is the natural frequency}$$

$\eta$  = the composite loss factor.

MODE NO	SIMPLY SUPPORTED ENDS		FIXED ENDS	
	$\Omega_c$	$\eta$	$\Omega_c$	$\eta$
1	3.85778	0.00350	7.56462	0.00172
2	13.37329	0.00175	20.23136	0.00129
3	16.86532	0.00124	39.20238	0.00108
4	29.11707	0.00126	65.61231	0.00103
5	51.14014	0.00106	103.62929	0.00098
6	66.50152	0.00101	133.62726	0.00090
7	79.45019	0.00097	177.67156	0.00088
8	114.04927	0.00092	202.95039	0.00096

turns out to be higher than that in the second mode. Comparing the values of loss factors from Figs. 4.5 and 4.2, (for the same values of the parameters involved), it can be said that the unconstrained layer is more effecting in damping the lower order coupled modes.

From Figs. 4.7 and 4.8 it is seen again that the modal loss factor varies linearly with  $\frac{E_2}{E_1}$ . This trend was also observed for the vibration in the plane of symmetry (shown in Fig. 4.3).

Figures 4.9 and 4.10 show that the loss factor is virtually independent of  $\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}$  in its feasible range. The obvious suggestion is that one should go for light visco-elastic materials so that the increase in weight is minimum with the damping layer.

Figures 4.11 to 4.16 show the changes in the natural frequencies with various parameters.

It can be noted that the natural frequency is virtually independent of  $\beta$ . For reasonable values of  $\frac{E_2}{E_1}$  ( $\approx .001$ ), the frequency is lowered with higher thickness ratio as the mass is increased without almost any change in bending rigidity. However, with  $\frac{E_2}{E_1} \approx .1$ , The increase in mass can be offset by the increase in rigidity so that the natural frequency increases with increasing thickness ratio. Figures 4.15 and 4.16 suggest the obvious results of lowering natural frequencies with increasing thickness ratio, the effect being more pronounced with higher values of  $\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}$ .

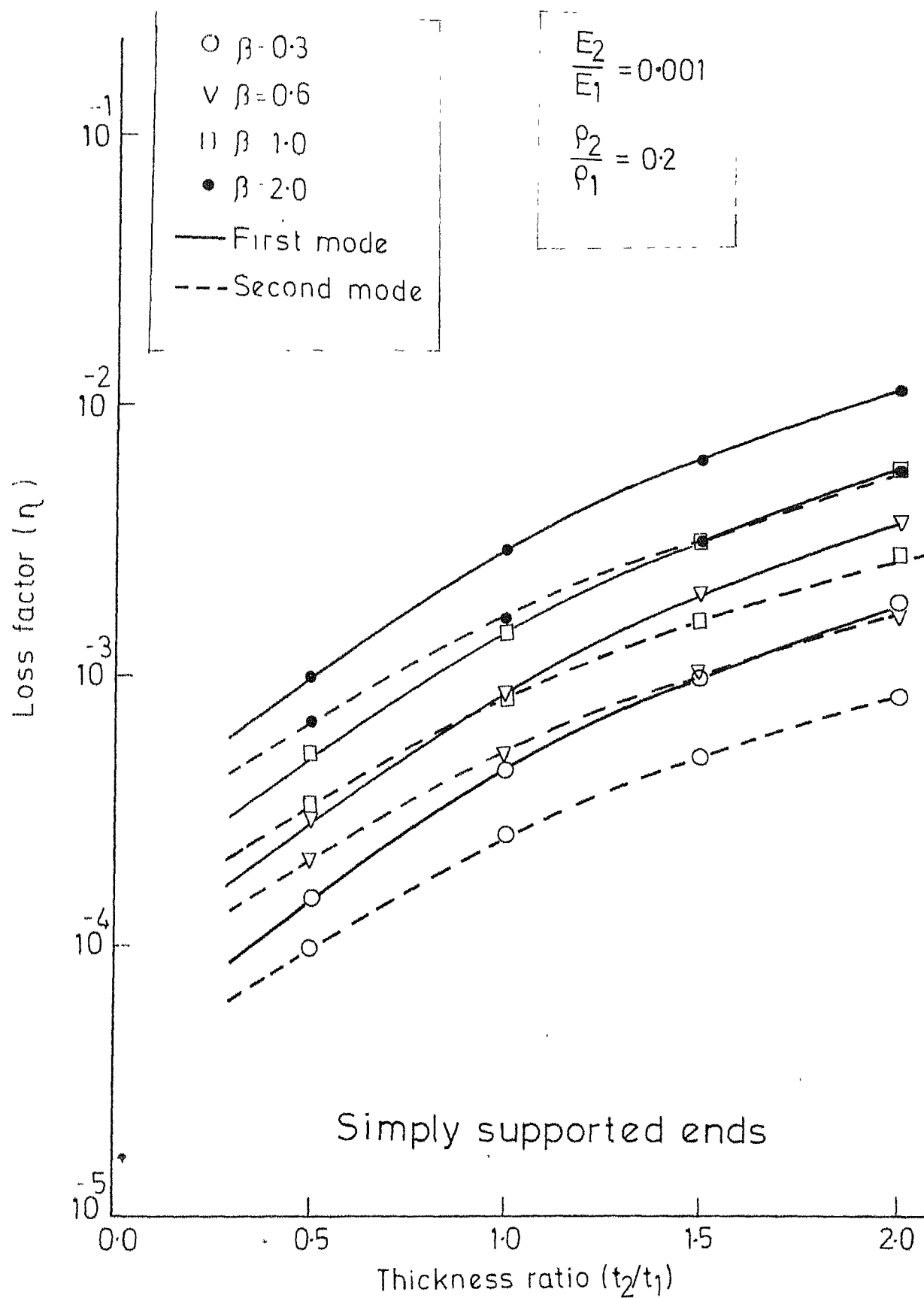


Fig.4.5 Variation of loss factor with thickness ratio



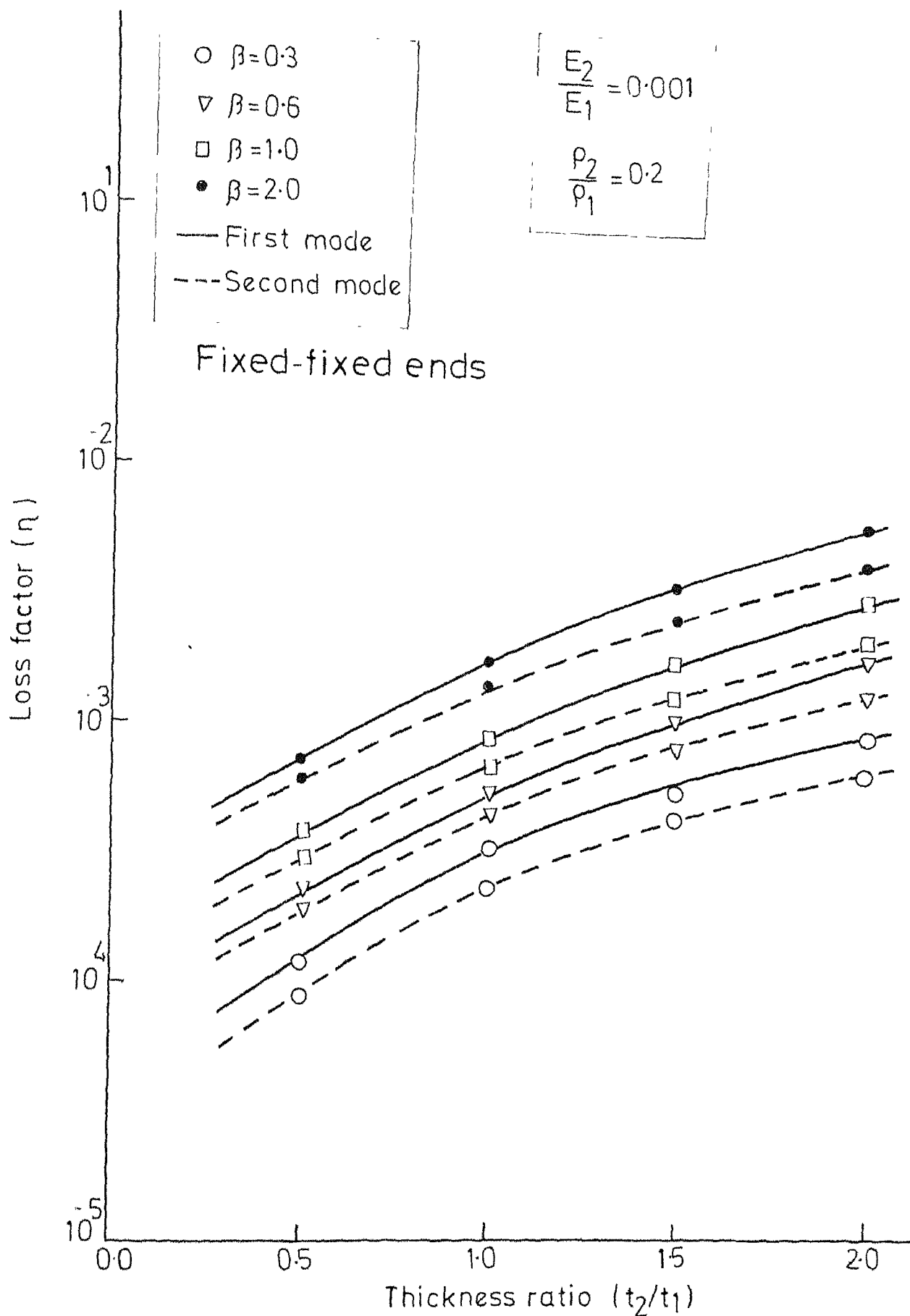


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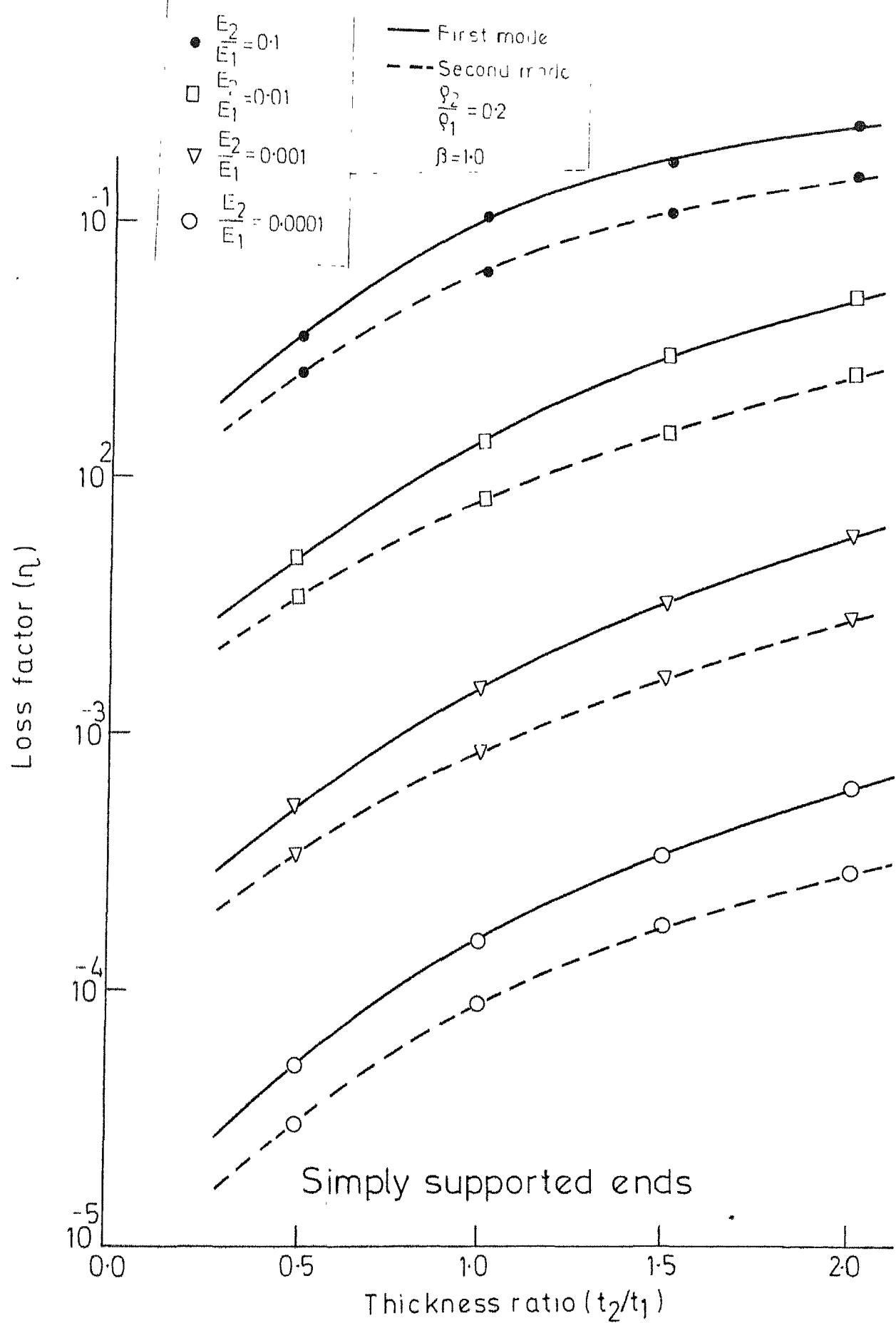


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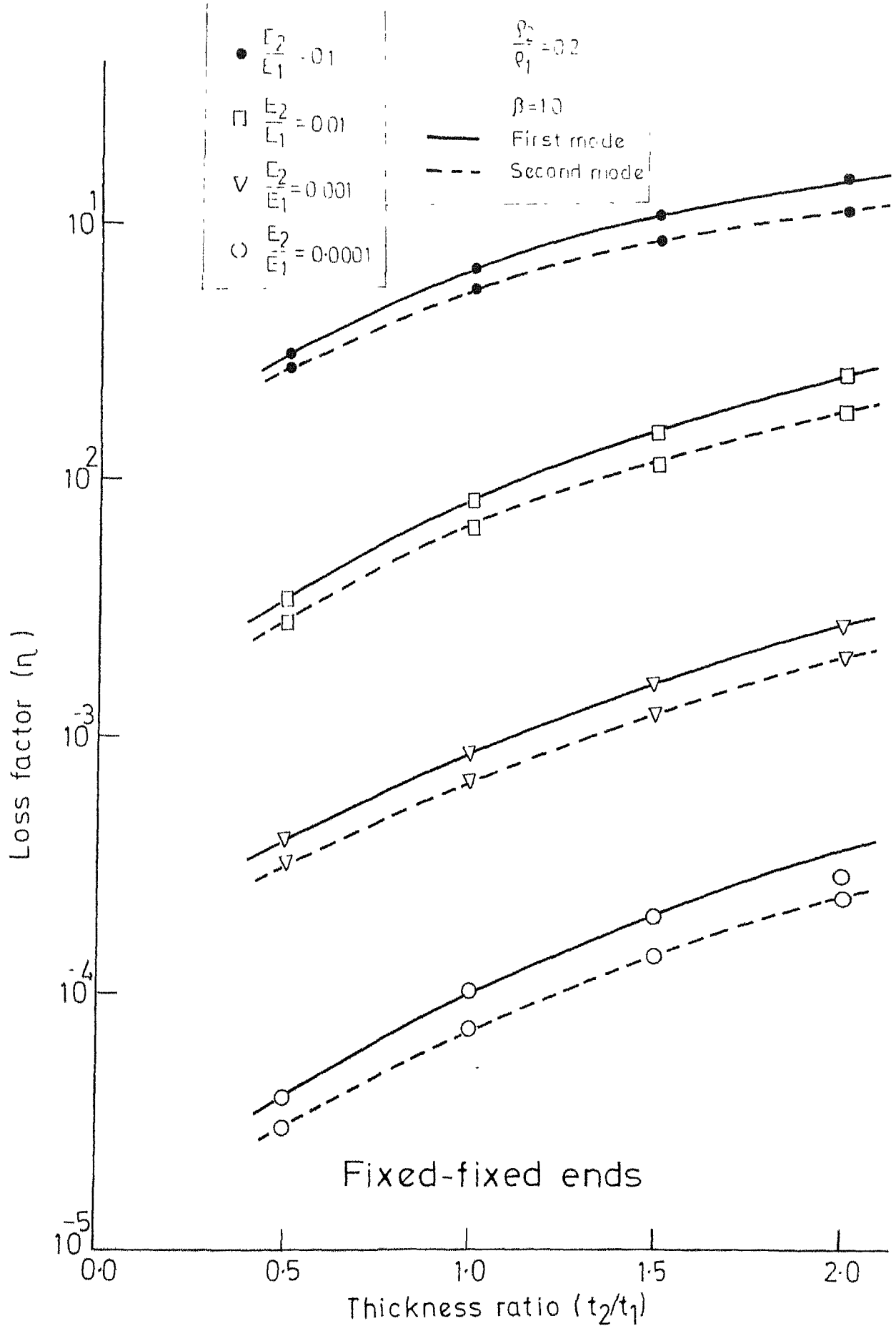


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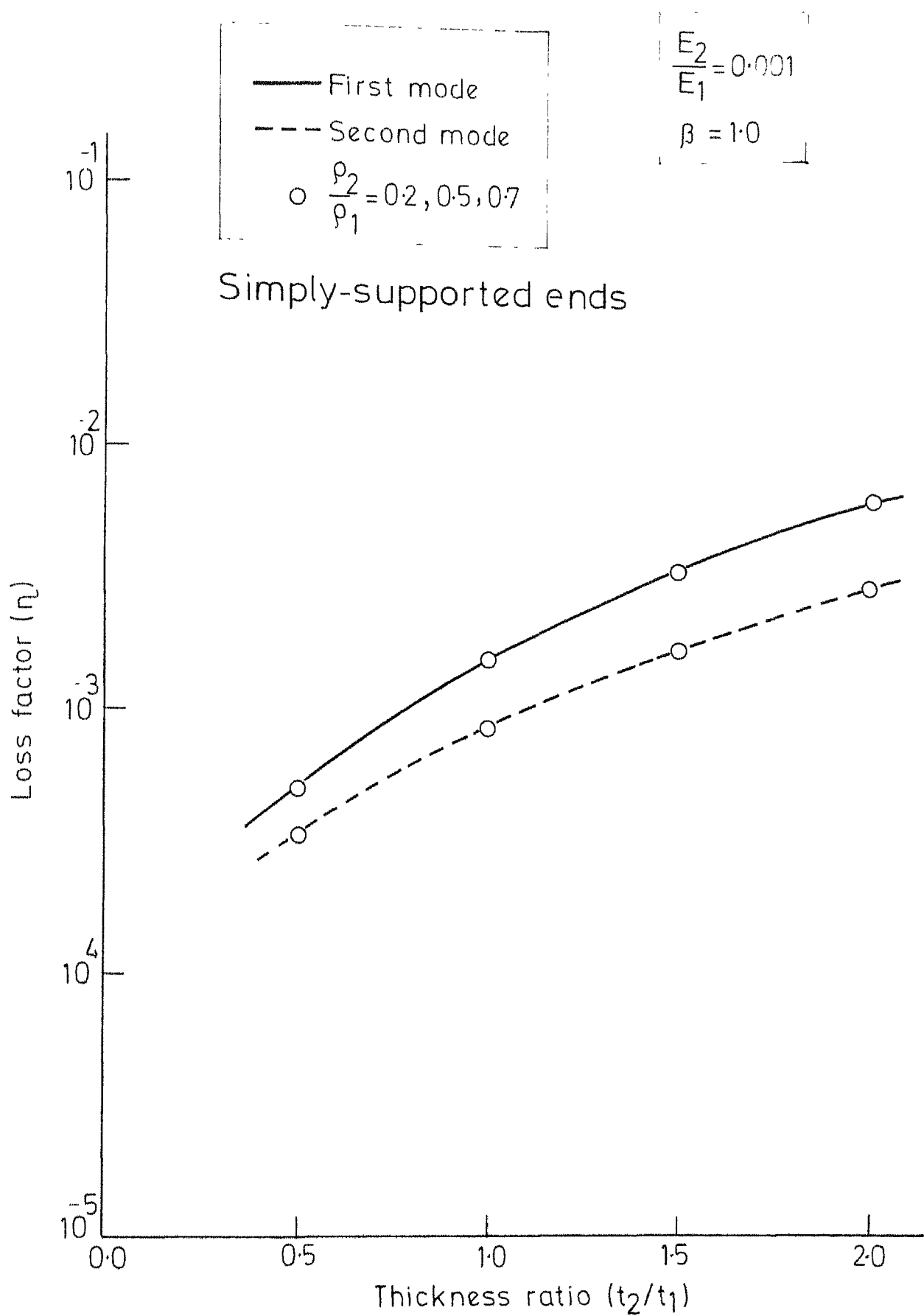


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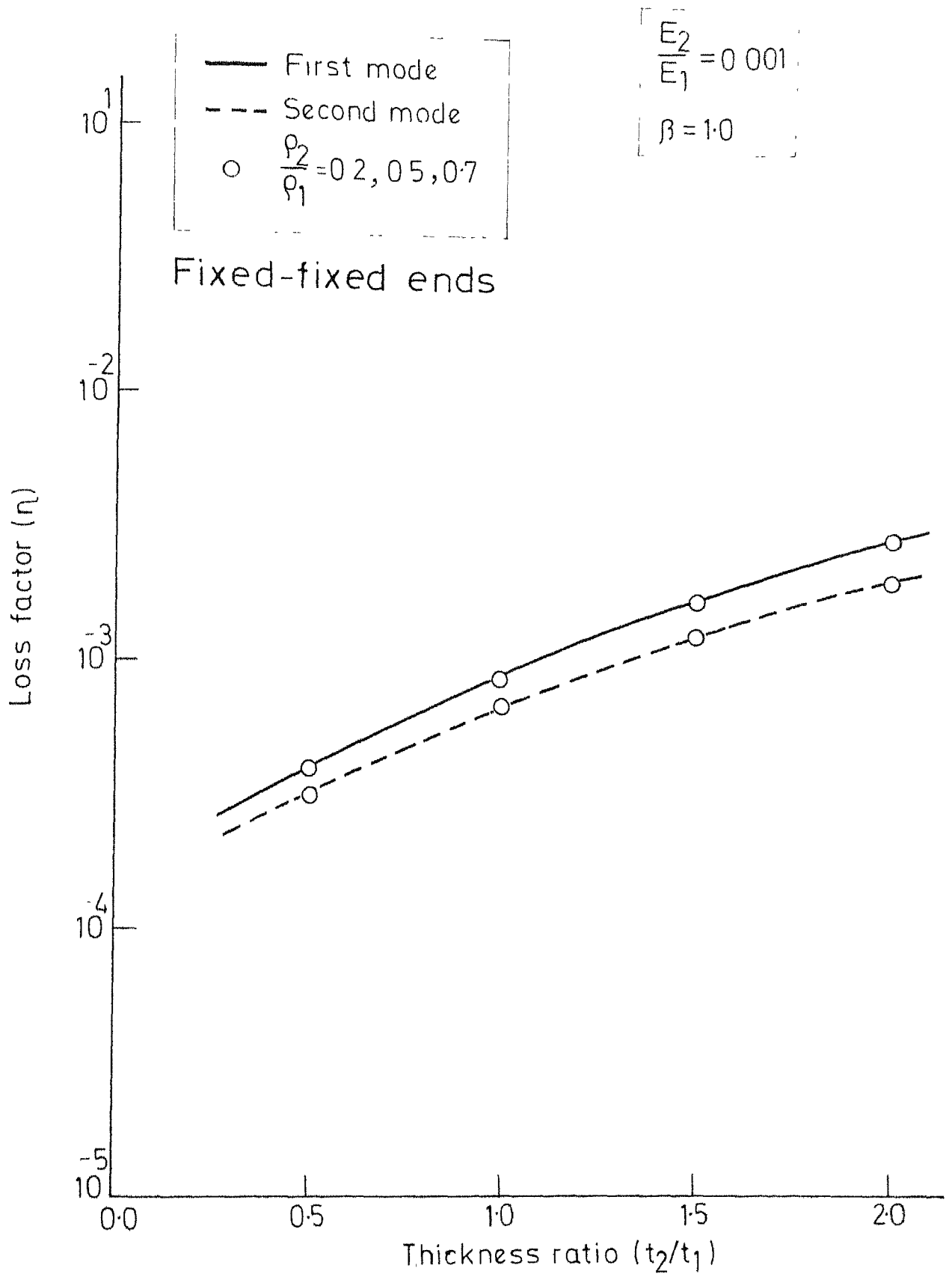
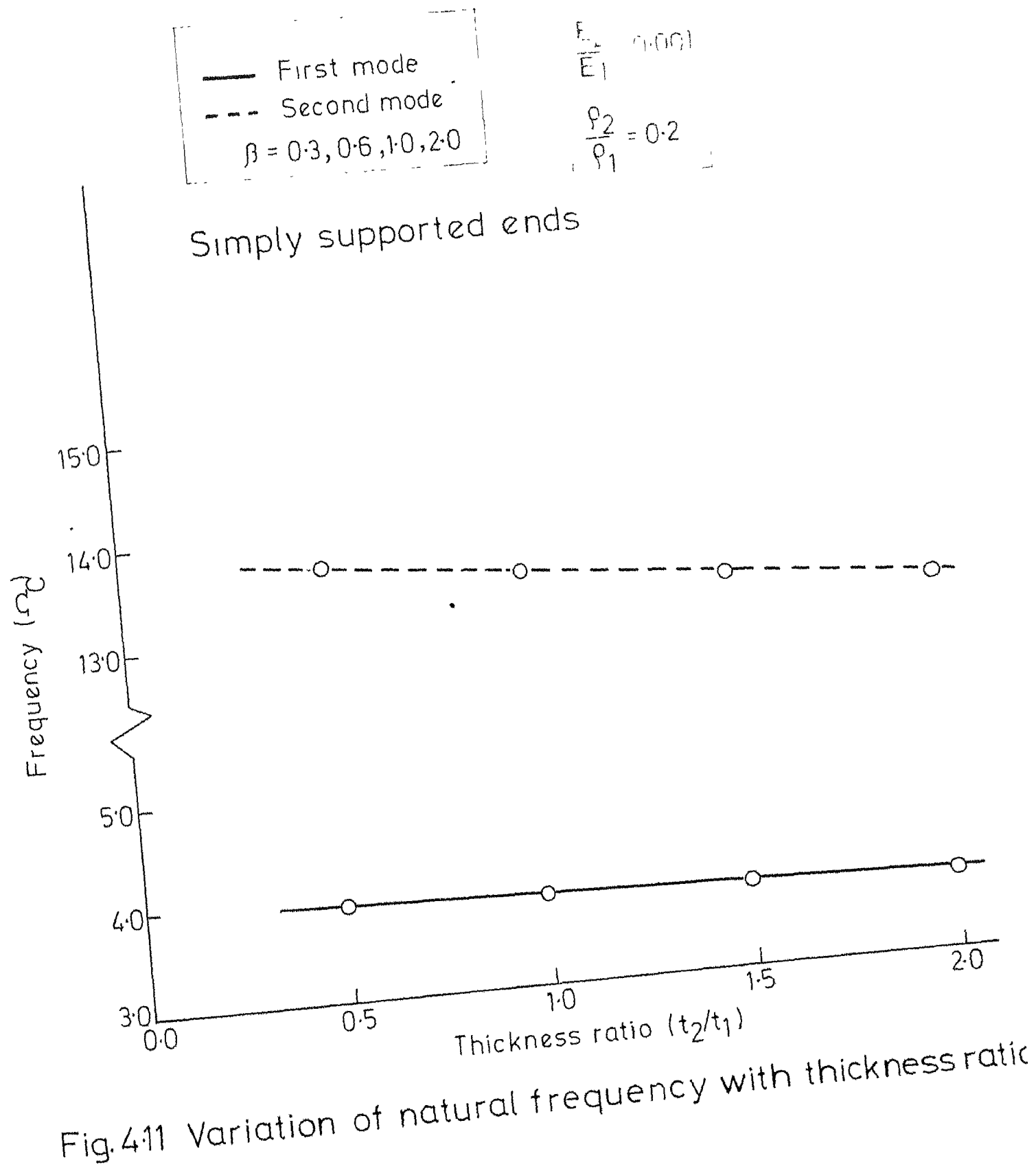


Fig.4.10 Variation of loss factor with thickness ratio



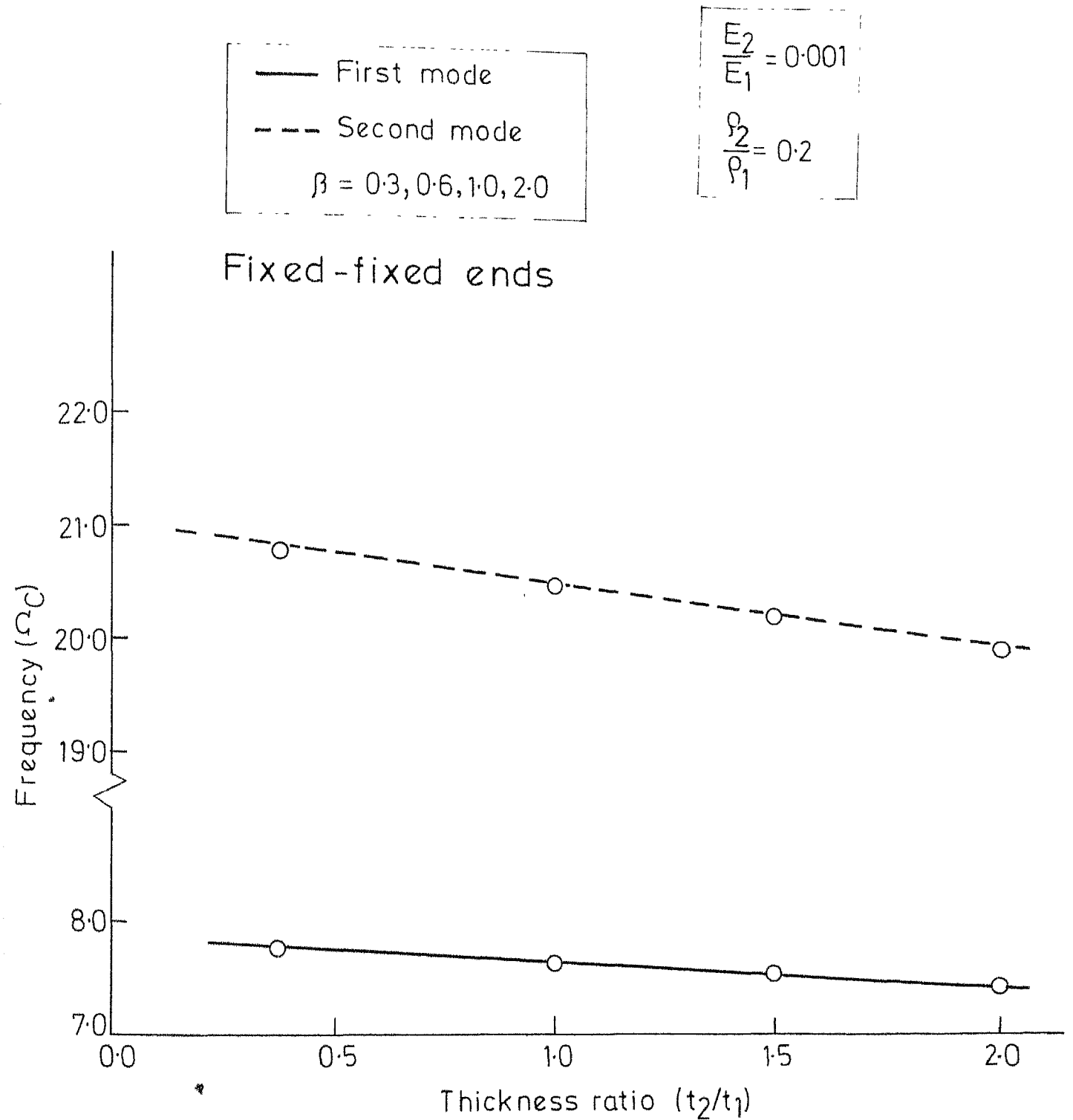


Fig.4.12 Variation of natural frequency with thickness ratio

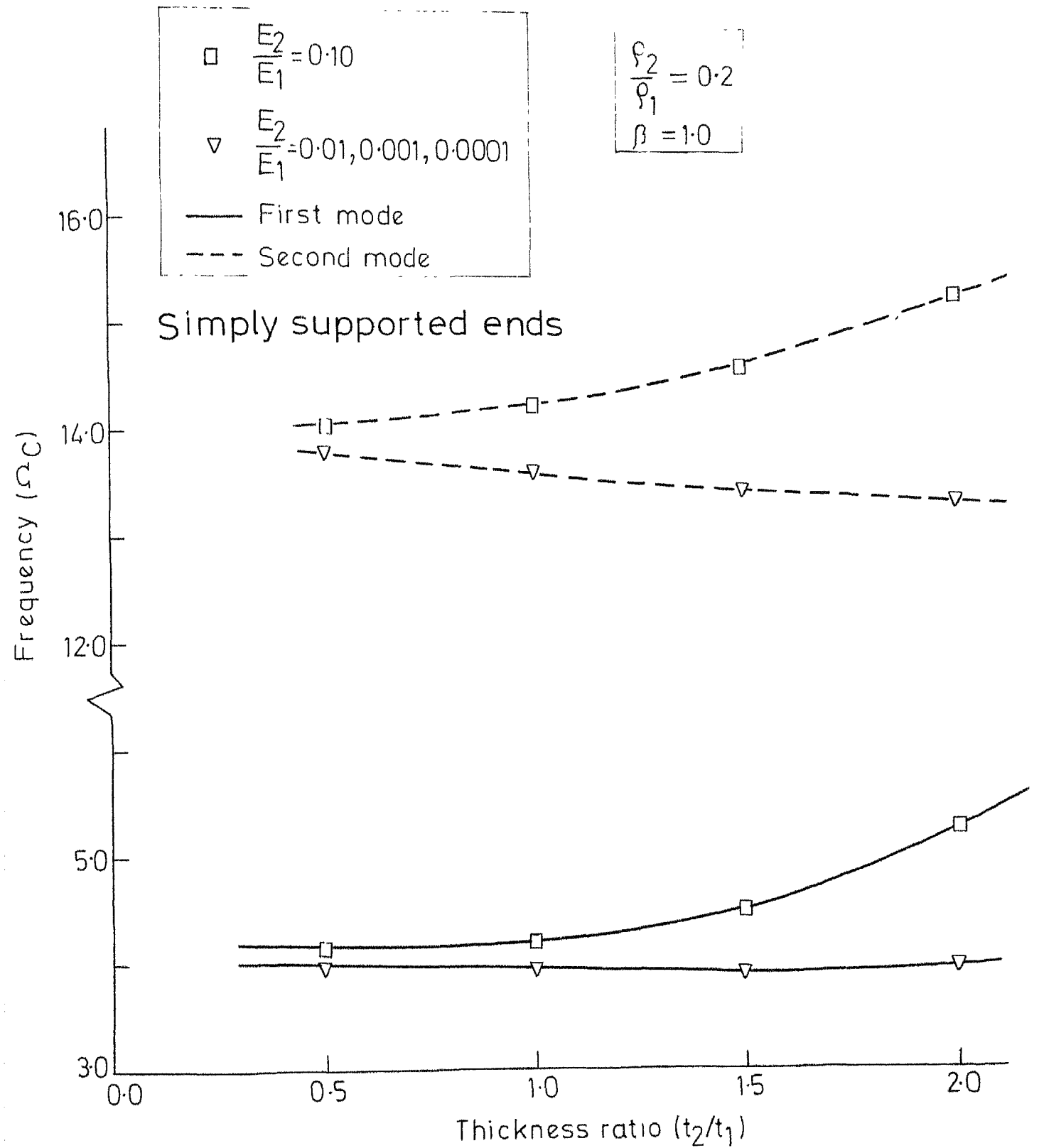


Fig.4.13 Variation of natural frequency with thickness ratio



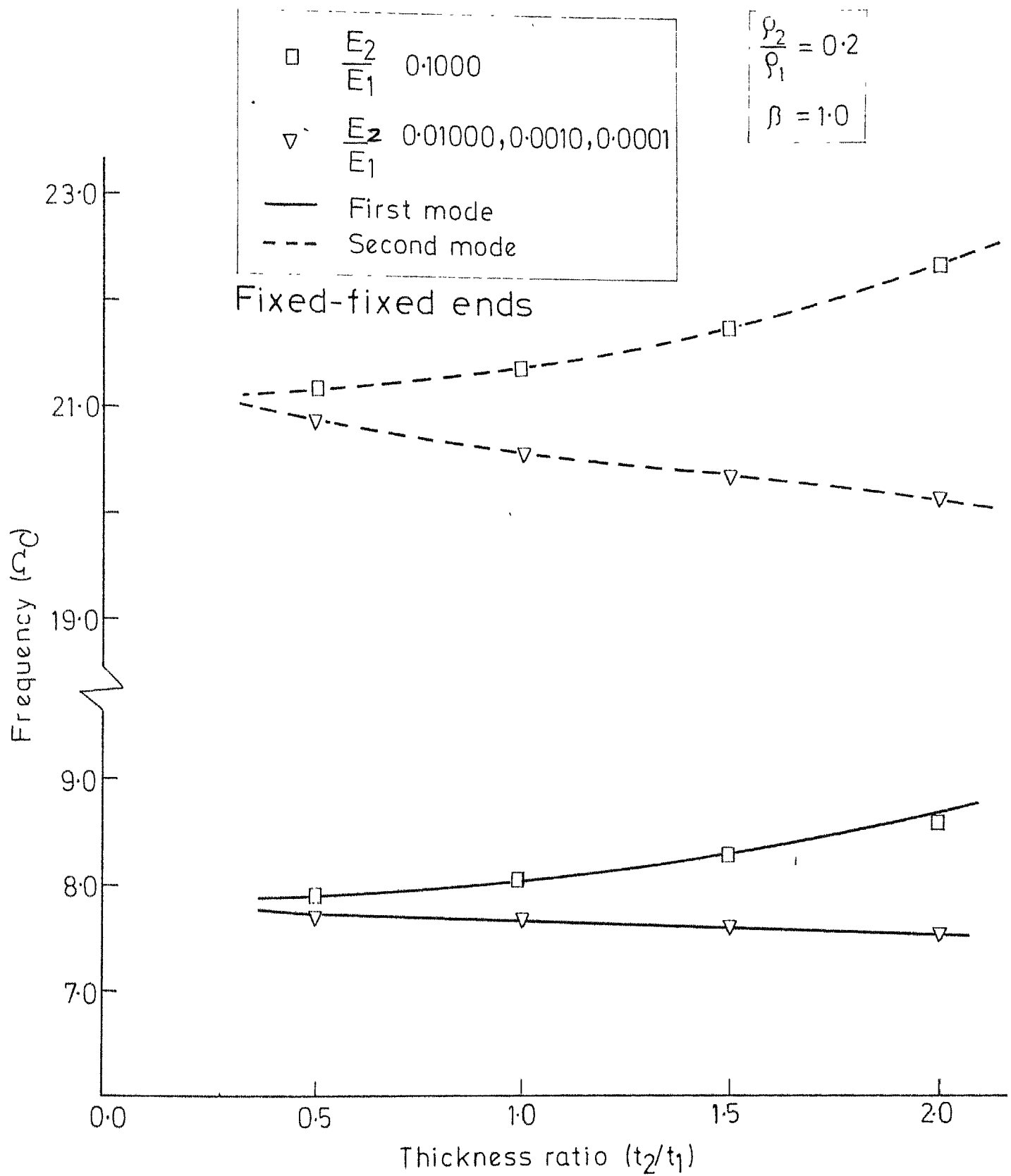


Fig.4.14 Variation of natural frequency with thickness ratio

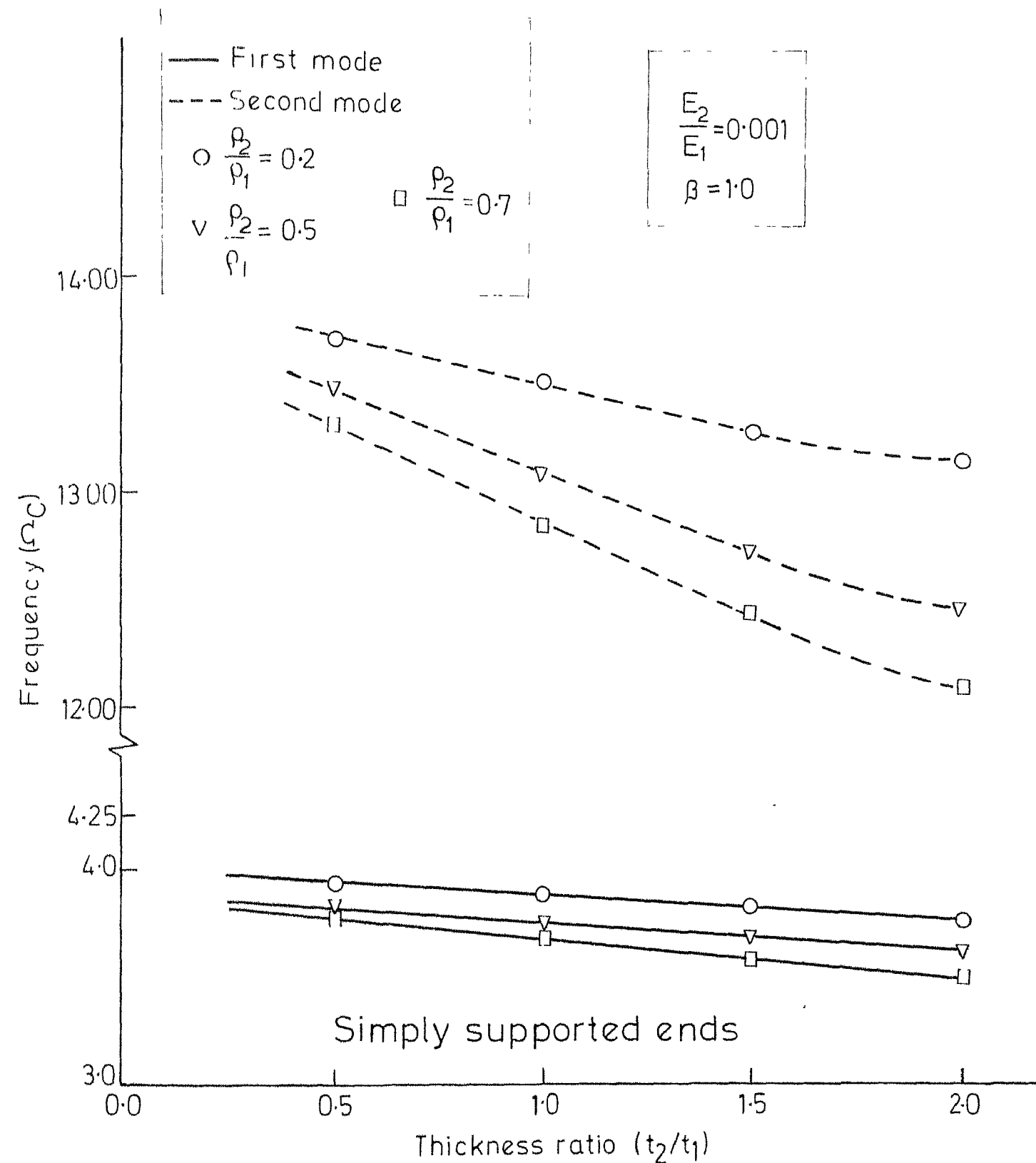


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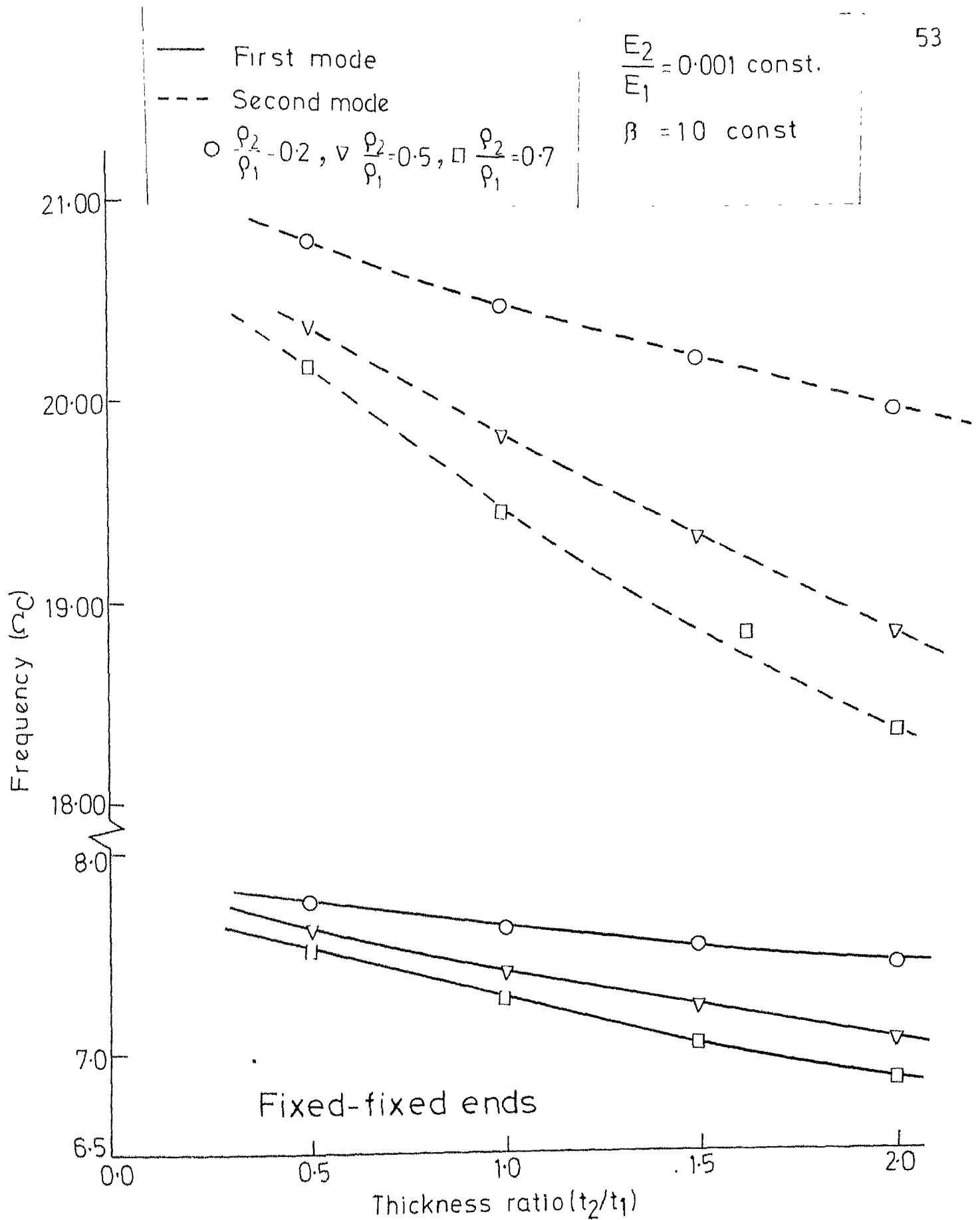


Fig.4.16 Variation of natural frequency with thickness ratio

## CHAPTER 5

### CONCLUSIONS

An analysis for free vibration characteristics of a thin walled open section beam with unconstrained viscoelastic layer at the flanges is presented. Transverse vibrations both in and out of the plane of symmetry are considered. In the later case, the bending and the twisting modes are coupled. The natural frequency and modal loss factors, for both type of vibrations, are reported for various values of the parameters involved.

The nature of variation of the modal loss factor with different parameters are found to be similar in both cases. The important observations include the almost linear variation of the modal loss factor with the ratio of elastic moduli and with the loss factor of the viscoelastic material. However, in the coupled modes, the loss factor even with the unconstrained layer, depends on the end conditions and the modal number. The treatment appears to be more effective in damping out the lower order coupled modes.

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## APPENDIX A

### DETAILS FOR THIN WALLED OPEN SECTION

#### A-1 Section Properties

Various dimensions of the cross section are shown in Figure A-1 where O is the shear centre and C is the centroid.

$$(i) \text{ Area } A = 2 l_1 t_1 + l_2 t_1 + 2 h t_1$$

$$(ii) \text{ Centroid position, } \bar{x} = \{ (l_2 t_1^2 + 2 h^2 t_1 + 2 l_1 t_1 (2 h + t_1)) / 2A$$

(iii) Area moment of inertia about  $\eta$  axis,

$$I_{\eta} = \frac{l_2 t_1^3}{3} + \frac{2}{3} h^3 t_1 + \frac{2}{3} l_1 t_1^3 + 2 l_1 t_1 h (h + t_1) - A \bar{x}^2$$

(iv) Area moment of inertia about  $\zeta$  axis

$$I_{\zeta} = \frac{t_1 l_2^3}{12} + \frac{1}{6} t_1 l_1^3 + \frac{l_1 t_1}{2} (l_1 + l_2)^2 + \frac{1}{6} h t_1^3 + \frac{h t_1}{2} l_2^2$$

(v) Saint Venant's torsion constant

$$C_s = \frac{2}{3} l_1 t_1^3 + \frac{2}{3} h t_1^3 + \frac{1}{3} l_2 t_1^3$$

(vi) Location of shear centre

$$e = \frac{t_1 l_2}{I_{\zeta}} \left( \frac{l_1 l_2 h}{2} + \frac{l_1^2 h}{2} + \frac{l_2 h^2}{4} \right) - \frac{2 t_1 h l_1^2}{I_{\zeta}} \left( \frac{l_2}{4} + \frac{l_1}{3} \right)$$



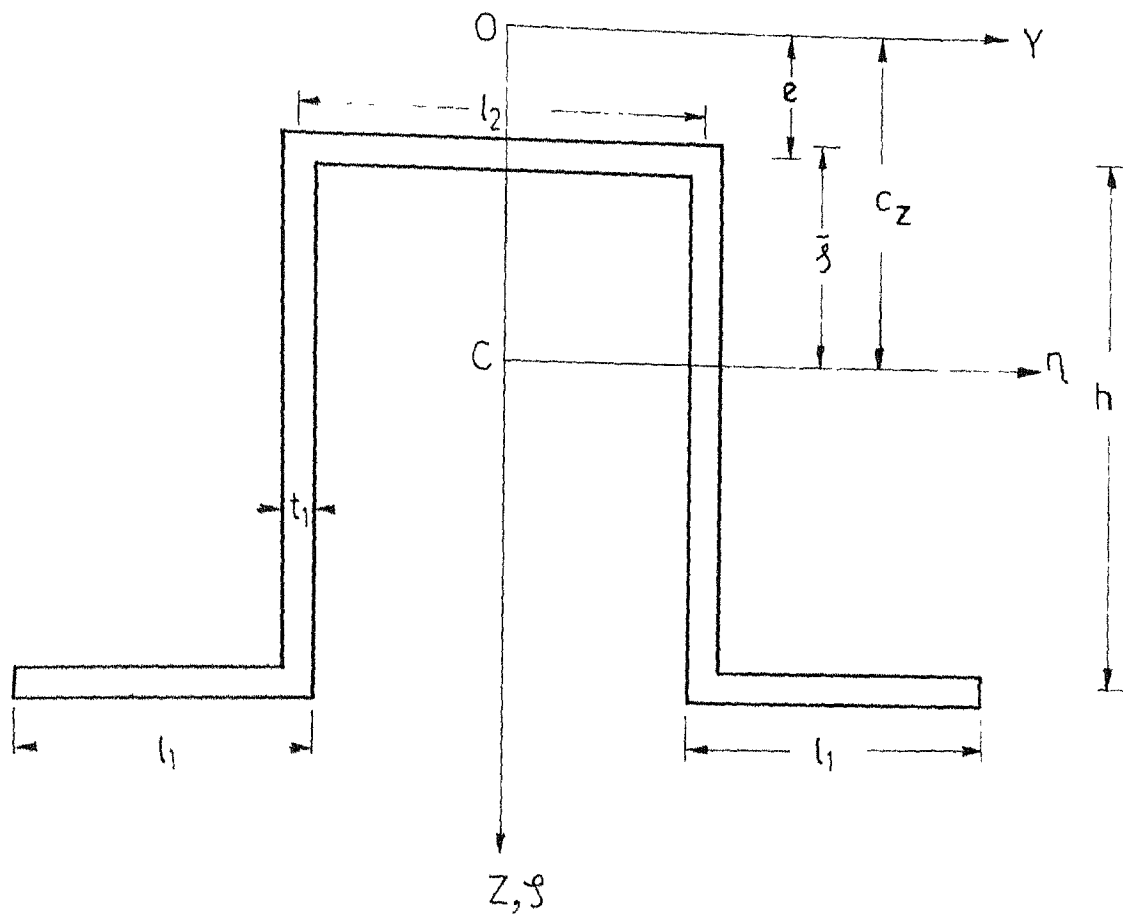


Fig.A-1 A typical top hat section with various dimensions

$$(vii) \quad c_z = e + \bar{\xi}$$

(viii) Warping constant

$$C_w = I_1 \{ I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 + I_5 - m \bar{w}_s^2 \}$$

$$\text{where } m = 2 l_1 + l_2 + 2 h$$

$$\bar{w}_s = \frac{l_2 h}{2} - l_1 (h + e) - \frac{e l_2}{2}$$

$$I_1 = (h + e)^2 l_1^3 / 3$$

$$I_2 = \frac{h}{12} \{ 12 l_1^2 (h + e)^2 + h^2 l_2^2 - 6 h l_1 l_2 (h + e) \}$$

$$I_3 = \frac{l_2}{12} \{ 3 a^2 + 4 e^2 l_2^2 - 6 l_2 e a \}$$

$$\text{where } a = l_2 h - 2 l_1 (h + e)$$

$$I_4 = \frac{h}{12} \{ 3 b^2 + 3 h l_2 b + h^2 l_2^2 \}$$

$$\text{where } b = l_2 h - 2 l_1 (h + e) - 2 e l_2$$

$$I_5 = \frac{l_1}{3} \{ 3 d^2 + (h + e)^2 l_1^2 + 3 l_1 (h + e) d \}$$

$$\text{where } d = l_1 (h + e) + e l_2 - h l_2$$

A-2 Non Dimensional Terms in Equation (2.6)

$$\alpha_1 = - g_1' l^2$$

$$\alpha_2 = - (1 + p_1' + s_1')$$

$$\alpha_3 = g_1' l^2$$

$$\text{and } \alpha_4 = s_1'$$

where

$$g_1' = \frac{G C_s}{E C_w}$$

$$p_1' = \frac{I_z c_z^2}{C_w}$$

$$s_1' = \frac{I_c}{C_w} \times \frac{I_z}{A}$$

$l$  is the length of the beam.

Non dimensional natural frequency

$$\Omega_n^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{\frac{E I}{\rho A l^4}}$$

where  $\omega$  is the natural frequency.

### A.3 Appropriate Boundary Conditions for the Coupled Vibration

For simply supported ends the boundary conditions

are

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 v_o = 0 & & \\
 v_o^{ii} = 0 & & \text{at } x = 0 \\
 \psi = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad v_o^{iv} = 0 & & \text{and } x = 1 \\
 \text{and } \psi^{ii} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad v_o^{vi} = 0 & & 
 \end{array}$$

For fixed - fixed ends, the boundary conditions are

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 v_o = 0 & & \\
 v_o^i = 0 & & \text{at } x = 0 \\
 \psi = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad v_o^{iv} = 0 & & \text{and } x = 1 \\
 \psi^i = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad v_o^v = 0 & & 
 \end{array}$$

## A.4 Elements of Matrix A in Equation (2.8)

Elements of the matrix A is different for different boundary conditions. For simply supported ends:

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 1.0 & 1.0 & \dots & \dots & 1.0 \\ e^{\lambda_1} & e^{\lambda_2} & e^{\lambda_3} & \dots & \dots & e^{\lambda_8} \\ \lambda_1^2 & \lambda_2^2 & \lambda_3^2 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8^2 \\ \lambda_1^2 e^{\lambda_1} & \lambda_2^2 e^{\lambda_2} & \lambda_3^2 e^{\lambda_3} & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8^2 e^{\lambda_8} \\ \lambda_1^4 & \lambda_2^4 & \lambda_3^4 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8^4 \\ \lambda_1^4 e^{\lambda_1} & \lambda_2^4 e^{\lambda_2} & \lambda_3^4 e^{\lambda_3} & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8^4 e^{\lambda_8} \\ \lambda_1^6 & \lambda_2^6 & \lambda_3^6 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8^6 \\ \lambda_1^6 e^{\lambda_1} & \lambda_2^6 e^{\lambda_2} & \lambda_3^6 e^{\lambda_3} & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8^6 e^{\lambda_8} \end{bmatrix}$$

Here,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_8$  are eight roots of the characteristic polynomial equation (2.7).

For fixed ends beam:

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 1.0 & 1.0 & \dots & \dots & 1.0 \\ e^{\lambda_1} & e^{\lambda_2} & e^{\lambda_3} & \dots & \dots & e^{\lambda_8} \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \lambda_3 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8 \\ \lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1} & \lambda_2 e^{\lambda_2} & \lambda_3 e^{\lambda_3} & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8 e^{\lambda_8} \\ \lambda_1^4 & \lambda_2^4 & \lambda_3^4 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8^4 \\ \lambda_1^4 e^{\lambda_1} & \lambda_2^4 e^{\lambda_2} & \lambda_3^4 e^{\lambda_3} & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8^4 e^{\lambda_8} \\ \lambda_1^5 & \lambda_2^5 & \lambda_3^5 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8^5 \\ \lambda_1^5 e^{\lambda_1} & \lambda_2^5 e^{\lambda_2} & \lambda_3^5 e^{\lambda_3} & \dots & \dots & \lambda_8^5 e^{\lambda_8} \end{bmatrix}$$

## APPENDIX B

### GEOMETRIC AND ELASTIC PROPERTIES FOR COMPOSITE CROSS SECTION

#### B.1 Section Properties

Figure B.1 shows the composite cross section where  $\eta_1 = \eta_1$  and  $\eta_2 = \eta_2$  are the centroidal axis of parts 1 and 2 respectively. C is the mass centre of the composite section.

$$\bar{\tau}_c = \frac{A_1 \rho_1 \bar{\tau}_1 + A_2 \rho_2 \bar{\tau}_2}{A_1 \rho_1 + A_2 \rho_2}$$

where  $A_1, \bar{\tau}_1$  are given as A and  $\bar{\tau}$  respectively in Appendix A.  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are the mass densities of the material of 1 and 2 respectively.

$$A_2 = 2 l_1 t_2, \bar{\tau}_2 = (h + t_1 + \frac{t_2}{2})$$

$$I_{\zeta_1} = I_{\bar{\zeta}} \text{ given in Appendix A.}$$

$$I_{\zeta_2} = \frac{1}{6} t_2 l_1^3 + \frac{t_2 l_1}{2} (l_1 + l_2)^2$$

where  $I_{\zeta_1}$  and  $I_{\zeta_2}$  are the area moments of inertia of part 1 and 2 about the axis of symmetry .

#### B.2 Shear Centre Location for Composite Beam

$$e = V_3 l_2 - V_1 (2 h + t_1 + t_2) - 2 V_2 h$$

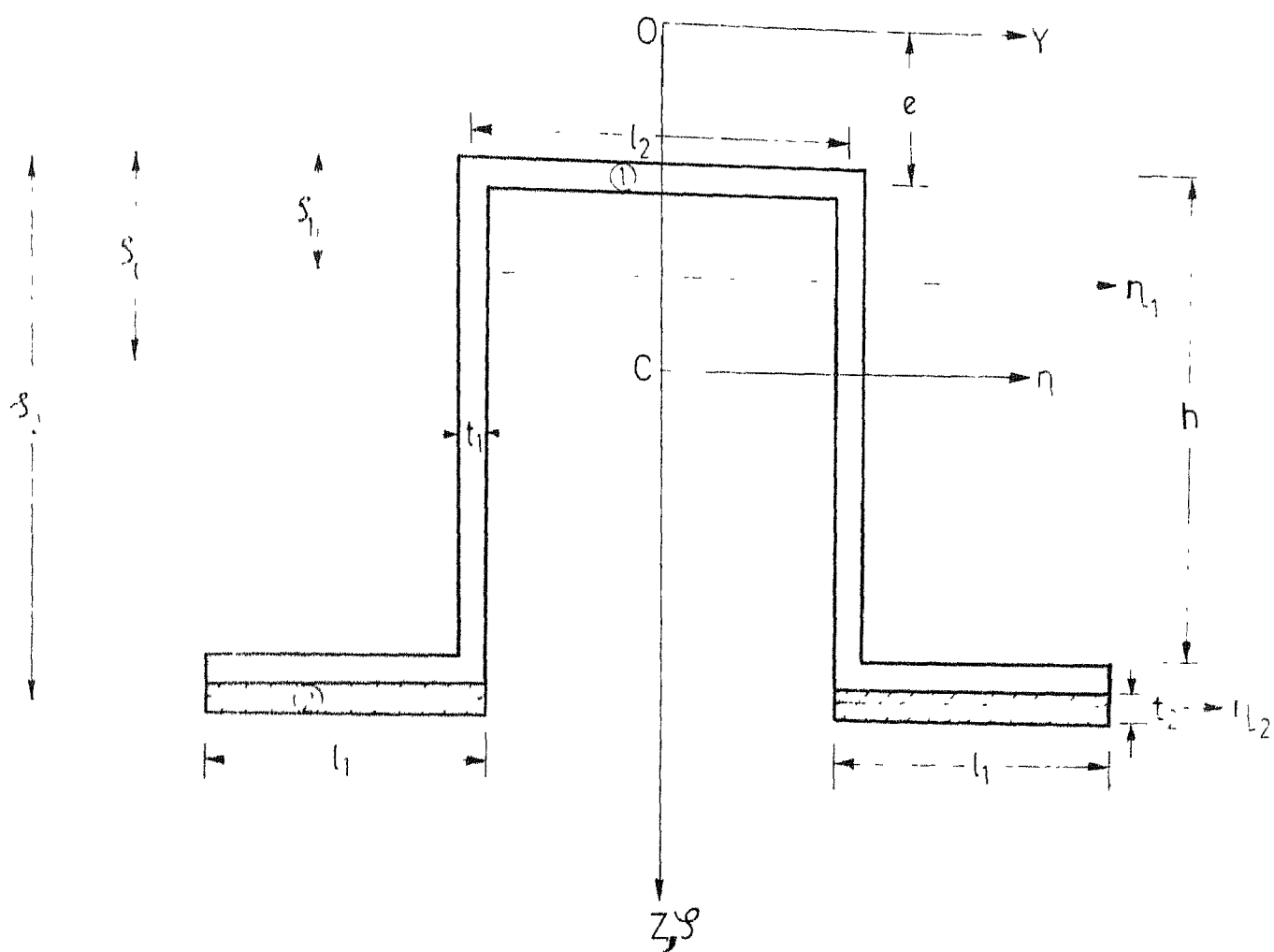


Fig. B-1 Composite cross section with the damping layer

where

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$$V_3 = \frac{E_1 \{ 2 l_1 h (l_1 + l_2) t_1 + t_1 l_2 h^2 \}}{4 (E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2^* I_{\zeta_2})}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{t_1 E_1}{(E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2^* I_{\zeta_2})} l_1^2 \left( -\frac{l_2}{4} + \frac{l_1}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{and } V_1 = \frac{t_2 E_2^*}{(E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2^* I_{\zeta_2})} l_1^2 \left( \frac{l_2}{4} + \frac{l_1}{3} \right)$$

with  $E_2^* = E_2 (1 + i \beta)$ ;  $\beta =$  loss factor of the viscoelastic material.

### B.3 Torsional Rigidity of the Composite Beam

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 = & 4 l_1 G_1 \left( \frac{2}{3} t_1^3 + \frac{1}{2} \mu t_1^2 \right) \\ & + 4 l_1 G_2^* \left( \frac{2}{3} t_2^3 - \frac{1}{2} \mu t_2^2 \right) \\ & + G_1 \left( \frac{2}{3} h + \frac{1}{3} l_2 \right) t_1^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \mu = \frac{G_2^* t_2^2 - G_1 t_1^2}{G_2^* t_2 + G_1 t_1}$$

$$\text{with } G_2^* = G_2 (1 + i \beta)$$

### B.4 Warping Rigidity of the Composite Beam

$$C_2 = E_1 t_1 C_{w_1} + E_2^* t_2 C_{w_2}$$

where  $C_{w_1} =$  warping constant of cross section 1  
as  $C_w$  in Appendix A .



$$C_{w_2} = \frac{(h + e + t)^2 l_1^3}{6}$$

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$$\text{where } t = \left( \frac{t_1 + t_2}{2} \right)$$

## APPENDIX C

### DETAILS FOR THE FREE VIBRATION OF COMPOSITE BEAM IN COUPLED MODE

#### C.1 Section Properties

The various section properties can be written for the composite cross section shown in Figure B-1, as

$$I_{\eta_1} = I_{\eta} + A_1 (\bar{\xi}_c - \bar{\xi}_1)^2$$

$$I_{\eta_2} = \frac{I_1 t_2^3}{6} + A_2 (\bar{\xi}_c - \bar{\xi}_2)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{c_1} &= I_{\eta_1} + I_{\xi_1} \\ I_{c_2} &= I_{\eta_2} + I_{\xi_2} \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_{\eta}$ ,  $I_{\xi_1}$ ,  $I_{\xi_2}$ ,  $\bar{\xi}_1$ ,  $\bar{\xi}_c$ ,  $\bar{\xi}_2$  etc. are given in previous appendices.

#### C.2 Non Dimensional Terms in Equation (4.18)

$$\alpha_1 = -g l^2$$

$$\alpha_2 = - (q + p + s)$$

$$\alpha_3 = g q l^2$$

$$\alpha_4 = s q$$

where

$$g = \frac{C_1}{C_2}$$

$C_1$  and  $C_2$  are the torsional and the warping rigidity given in Appendix B .

$$q = \left( \frac{\rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2}{E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2^* I_{\zeta_2}} \right) \times \left( \frac{E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2 I_{\zeta_2}}{\rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2} \right)$$

where  $E_2$  is the real part of  $E_2^*$ .

$$p = \left( \frac{\rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2}{C_2} c_z^2 \right) \times \left( \frac{E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2 I_{\zeta_2}}{\rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2} \right)$$

$$s = \left( \frac{\rho_1 I_{c_1} + \rho_2 I_{c_2}}{C_2} \right) \times \left( \frac{E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2 I_{\zeta_2}}{\rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2} \right)$$

Non dimensional natural frequency is given by

$$\Omega_c^2 (1 + i \nu) = \frac{\frac{\omega^2 (1 + i \eta)}{E_1 I_{\zeta_1} + E_2 I_{\zeta_2}}}{(\rho_1 A_1 + \rho_2 A_2) l^4}$$

where  $\omega$  is the natural frequency

$\Omega_c$  is the nondimensional natural frequency

and  $\eta$  is the composite loss factor.

$\nu = \eta$ .

### C.3 Elements of Matrix A in Equation (4.20)

The form of matrix A is same as given in Appendix A.4. Here,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \dots$  are the eighth root of characteristic polynomial equation given in Equation (4.19).

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